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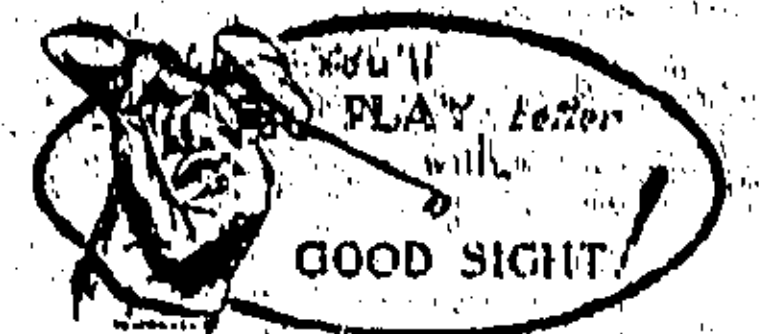
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WUCHANG'S FATE.

Counter-Offensive By
Wu Pei-fu?

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Fengtien and Sun Chuan-fang
Inactive.

Wuchang's fate still remains in mystery. The latest report, coming from Chinese sources, is that the city is defended by about 5,000 men under several Allied commanders.

It was at first stated that the fall of Hanyang and Tortoise Hill would render Wuchang untenable. The claim is now made that when the northerners retreated they took with them the vital parts of the guns on Tortoise Hill so that the southerners have to bring up heavy artillery before they are again able to shell Wuchang.

Perhaps the presence of foreign warships may have had a desultory effect.

Wu Pei-fu is calling frantically for reinforcements and for half a million dollars to be raised by Dr. Wellington Koo in Peking.

Admiral Tu Hsi-kwei, the acting Premier, is reported to have gone South to rally the Navy and to urge Marshal Sun Chuan-fang to take the field against the southerners.

Southerners Hall.

Marshal Wu has now made a definite stand but the southerners are not moving away from the north bank of the Yangtze River. Wu Pei-fu hopes to form a base at a certain point, rush down new forces from subordinates further North, cling to Wuchang, and send a detachment to attack the Nationalist flank. The breathing space of the last few days has given him time to take stock and he is not eclipsed, as far as appearances go.

The Fengtien party, although making boastful promises of an offensive against Chang Kai-shek, are clearing to Peking and the immediate vicinity.

Except at one point in Kiangsi province where a subordinate engaged the southern vanguard and then retired, Marshal Sun Chuan-fang has not entered hostilities.

The Chinese still give prominence to a series of communiques from Sun Chuan-fang, frantically asking for peace.

Riots Break Out.

Hankow, Sept. 12. Wuchang is still holding out.

Reuter:

Serious intercommunal riots broke out yesterday owing to reports that Honan troops, defending Wuchang, were ill treating the Hupeh people inside city. More than a dozen Honan coolies were beaten to death by mobs in Hanyang and in the Hankow native city.

There has always been bitterest feeling between these sections. The Hopenese having the upper hand during the Wu Pei-fu regime while, now the situation has switched over, the Hupehites are exacting revenge.—Reuter.

FENGTIEN COMPLEX.

Mukden, September 6. There is a divergence of opinion between the leaders of the Fengtien and Shantung factions regarding despatch of the reinforcements to the south.

Whether or not Marshal Chang Tso-lin will despatch the Fengtien forces to the south for the purpose of assisting Marshal Wu Pei-fu's forces chiefly depends upon Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's attitude.

In this connection it is learnt on good authority that though Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's attitude is still ambiguous, the leaders of the Shantung faction, including General Chang Tsung-chang, will decide upon their course of action, on the basis that, as General Sun has already despatched part of his troops to Kiangsi, he will eventually join forces against the Cantonese troops.

In the meantime, Marshal Chang Tso-lin and other leaders of the Fengtien faction, who are said to entertain apprehensions regarding the real intentions of Marshal Sun, hold the view that, though he has already despatched some of his troops to Kiangsi, he may side with the Cantonese and co-operate with General Chang Kai-shek.—"Toh."

STILL VAGUE.

"Sitting on the Fence."

Shanghai, September 7. Conflicting reports continue to be circulated regarding the attitude of

EUROPEAN ROBBED.

THIEF STRUGGLES WITH
WATCHMAN.

STABBED IN THE ARM.

A gold wrist watch valued at \$85 was stolen from the residence of Mr. G. A. Lawrence, pianist of Messrs. A. S. Watson and Company's North Point factory, at about 1 o'clock yesterday morning.

The thief entered the house by an open window and commenced to rummage a chest of drawers in the verandah from which he took the wrist watch.

Apparently he was disturbed in his work, as he ran down a staircase leading to the main gate of the factory, where he was intercepted by a Russian watchman on the premises. A struggle took place between the two men and the thief eventually freed himself by stabbing the watchman in the upper part of the left arm. The wound was not serious, but it disabled the watchman for the time being and made him release his captive.

A report was made to the police and attempts to trace the man have so far proved unsuccessful.

LOADED PISTOLS.

ARRESTS AT DOUGLAS
WHARF.

CASE ON THURSDAY.

Another remand was made at the Central Magistracy this morning in the case of two Chinese charged with unlawful possession of two automatic pistols, one revolver, and 43 rounds of ammunition.

The men were arrested during a watch kept by Senior Revenue Officer Watt and a party on the Douglas wharf on Thursday morning. One of the men came in a sampan alongside the vessel on which he was employed (s.s. "Hai Hong") with a bundle containing the arms. The two pistols were fully loaded.

Whether the alleged attempt to bring the arms aboard was with a view to carrying out a piracy as is thought will be disclosed when the case will be heard on Thursday afternoon before two Magistrates.

Mr. T. B. Wilson who was the Asst. Manager of the Admiral and Oriental line in Manila is passing through Hong Kong to Yokohama to relieve Mr. F. W. Thompson of the Admiral line office there. Mr. M. Thompson, also connected with the same firm, is en route to Seattle on leave of absence. Mr. Thompson is accompanied by Mrs. Thompson. They are sailing this afternoon at 5 p.m. by the "President Grant."

General Sun Chuan-fang in the present fighting. While Hankow reports state that he has actually sent troops to the assistance of his old chief, Marshal Wu Pei-fu, there is nothing to show that he has departed from his announced intention of maintaining neutrality in the dispute.

"Sitting on the fence" is the local description of his attitude, but it is admitted that he has mobilised his army and has an army of 40,000 men along the Kiangsi-Hunan border, concentrated at Pingliang practically opposite Changsha. General Lu Hsiang-ling, Tupan of Chekiang, who will take command of General Sun's forces if he is swept into the war, is at Kluksiang.

Troops Still Moving.
Continual troops movements are reported from different parts of the province and all available soldiers are being sent to Nanking, for despatch to the probable war front. It is reported in some circles that General Sun's plan is to strike at Changsha and cut the communications of the Cantonese army. Nothing definite, however, appears to have been done along these lines.

Agents of General Chang Kai-shek, the Cantonese leader, are unremitting in their efforts to induce General Sun to swing over to the south and take a definite step to seal the bargain. This would mean attacking Marshal Wu Pei-fu, a thing he has refused to do. Nevertheless, the Southern agents are persistent in their efforts and it is reported that as direct agents of the south have failed, the local branch of the Kuomintang have sent their own personal delegate to see General Sun.—"Shanghai Times."

SAD END.

SUICIDE OF DUTCH
MERCHANT.

BUSINESS WORRIES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, Sept. 13.

The body of Mr. W. H. Dop, a well-known Dutch merchant in Singapore, was found hanging yesterday in the garage which he owned.

It is believed that he was depressed by business worries.

[Mr. Wessel Hendrin Dop was born at Utrecht, Holland, on February 21, 1895. He was formerly connected with Boasson and Van Overzee, Singapore, and Wilson, Holgate (Far East), Ltd. He later became proprietor of W. H. Dop's Trading Concern, which represented over 50 manufacturers in Europe and proprietor of the Singapore Advertising Bureau. Mr. Dop had travelled extensively in various parts of the world.]

RAIN DAMAGE.

LANDLORDS OF ADJOINING
PROPERTY.

SUIT IN COURT.

Damage alleged to have been done to an adjoining house as a result of the demolition of a house at 102 Kremer Street formed the subject of a Summary Court claim this morning. Chak Hok-ting, the landlord of 104 Kremer Street, claiming from Wat Pat-u \$45 for repairs which he stated, were rendered necessary by water percolating through from a retaining wall which had been damaged by the demolition.

Mr. E. S. C. Brown, for the plaintiff, stated that the plaintiff asked the defendant to put in hand the necessary repairs and as the work was not completed with-

The report on the piracy of a Socony motor-boat will be found on page 4.

in two months the plaintiff arranged for the work himself and was claiming for the amount spent.

Mr. L. D. Turner, for the defence, contended that no notice stating the amount of damage and asking for repairs to be put in hand had been received. The first defendant had known of it was after the repairs had been effected.

The plaintiff, in evidence, stated that the notice with regard to the damage and asking for repairs had been sent to the Tak Loong firm with which defendant was connected.

Questioned by His Honour, plaintiff said that he did not know defendant and had not been in direct communication with him.

His Honour said he did not think it could be held that notice had been given defendant of the need of repairs.

It was further claimed for the defendant that repairs to the party wall had been put in hand by the defendant shortly after the demolition of the house. There was no evidence, it was claimed, to show that the repairs it was necessary to do then were of the same nature and of the same seriousness as the repairs which were alleged to have been put in hand by the plaintiff after the heavy rains. It was submitted that the defendant's liability in respect of the condition of the party wall was not continuous after the demolition of the house.

Evidence was given regarding the repairs which the defendant said he put in hand and His Honour held that "climbing on a roof through a skylight" was hardly the right method of approaching the work of carrying out repairs to the wall. Scaffolding should have been erected.

His Honour adjourned the case to hear further legal argument as to how the case was affected by the failure of the plaintiff to give notice of the need of repairs.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/2 1/16.

DISHONEST COOLIE.

ROBBED HIS MASTER'S
MONEY.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

A coolie in the employment of the Rev. H. S. F. Rooster, of No. 12, Broadwood Road, was the defendant in a charge of theft of money from his master. The case was heard by Mr. R. E. Lindseil at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Complainant stated that he missed small sums of money from time to time and set a trap by leaving one dollar worth of five-cent pieces inside a purse in a chest of drawers in a room, the door of which was left open. He entered the bathroom and kept a watch on the other room by the aid of a looking glass. By the reflection of the glass he was enabled to see the defendant take the purse and empty the contents into his hand.

The defence was that complainant purposely wanted to trap him by leaving two coins on the ground, but he picked them up and placed them on the table. "You are a shameless liar as well as a robber of your employer," said His Worship in imposing sentence of six weeks' hard labour.

OPIUM TRAFFIC.

ANIMATED DEBATE AT
GENEVA.

PERSIAN ALLEGATION.

Geneva, Sept. 12.

The discussion in Committee regarding approval of last year's Opium Convention developed into an animated debate.

The Italian member, who last year agreed to the draft Convention, now opposed it on various points: on the ground that they were a retrogression compared with The Hague Convention of 1922 which, he contended, if properly applied would effectively combat opium smoking.

Lord Cecil disputed the contention, declaring that last year's Convention approached Italian conceptions.

Subsequently the Indian and Persian delegates collided. The latter accused India of sending opium into Persia.

Sir Kumar Mullick (India) vigorously retorted that the Government of India would enquire into the matter if Persia could produce evidence, but at present there was a total absence of evidence.

The discussion closed with the adoption of the report. The Italian delegate abstained from voting.—Reuter.

OPIUM CHARGE.

THE UNKNOWN PERSON
AGAIN.

GIRL OFFENDER.

On being charged at the Central Magistracy this morning with being found in possession of a quantity of illicit opium, a small Chinese girl pleaded that she was promised 25 cents by a man for carrying it.

It was shown that at the time of the discovery the girl was following her mother in the street, but the woman on being called up denied that she was aware of this.

In answer to the Magistrate, who pointed out that the fine in such cases would be \$300 but in the present instance he would make it \$100, the mother intimated that she was unable to pay on behalf of her daughter. The fine was allowed to stand.

MORE RAIN.

FORECAST UNTIL NOON
TO-MORROW.

Both Manila and Shanghai gave warnings of typhoons in cables received by the Observatory yesterday.

To-day's official reports reads as under:—

Pressure has increased slightly over China and Formosa. It has decreased moderately over N.E. Japan and is nearly stationary elsewhere. A trough of relatively low pressure covers the China Sea.

There may be a typhoon to the east of Luzon.

The American Consulate General received the following warning by cable from the Manila

TENSION EASES.

"Hawkins" and Admiral
at Hankow.

PRINCE GEORGE ON BOARD.

Negotiations With General
Yang Sen.

The British warship "Hawkins," flying the flag of Vice-Admiral Sir Edwyn Alexander Sinclair (as Commander-in-Chief, China Station), on board which is H.R.H. Sub-Lt. Prince George, has arrived at Hankow and already its presence has had a moderating effect on the tension of the last few days.

Sir Edwyn is at once opening negotiations with General Yang Sen.—British Wireless Service.

BRITISH NAVY'S REPLY.

Chinese Headquarters Destroyed:
2,000 Casualties.

Hankow, Sept. 12.

An eyewitness account of the Wansien affair shows that at 5.50 in the afternoon on September 5, the s.s. Kiawo, manned by a naval detachment, went alongside the steamer "Wansien." All seemed quiet, the only persons visible was a group of Chinese squatting on the deck; but directly the boarding party got aboard several machine-guns poured in a leaden hail; Darley and Higgins being amongst the first to fall.

It is estimated that 400 soldiers were packed on the Wansien's deck. A hot interchange of fire was kept up for some time, the Kiawo finally drawing off, having in the meantime rescued the ship's officers.

Chinese Guns Silenced.
Meanwhile several thousand troops kept up a terrific fire from both sides of the banks; but the Kiawo, going ashore, did tremendous execution with her quickfiring while the Cockchafer's six inchers silenced the enemy fieldguns and destroyed Yang Sen's headquarters and other marked positions.

A conservative estimate places the Chinese casualties in the neighbourhood of 2,000 and in view of the tremendous odds the British casualties are extremely small. The engagement lasted one hour.

It was discovered afterwards that Yang Sen had decamped twenty miles inland, at two o'clock in the afternoon. It is reported to-day that the foreigners on the Wansien are safe aboard a Japanese gunboat.—Reuter.

"Kiawo" Attacked Again.

Hankow, September 10. Firing on foreign steamers continues. The latest incident is Butterfield and Swire's s.s. Wuchang and the Japanese s.s. Yoyang; though fortunately there were no casualties.

The s.s. Kiawo, from Ichang, bearing the naval officers and men wounded at the Wansien affair, was heavily fired on when passing Hanyang last night and was forced to turn back up the river. This morning another attempt was made but the fusillade was so severe that she again had to turn back.

The naval wounded were taken off by an American destroyer this morning; while this afternoon H.M.S. Cricket proceeded up the river and escorted the Kiawo to safety.—Reuter.

Further "Bee" Details.

Shanghai, September 13. Hankow, September 9.—Yesterday H.M.S. Bee returning from the A.P.C. Installation, where she was taking on fuel, was deliberately shelled by the southerners near Luchiamiao. In all six shells were fired one striking the armour plating diagonally and glancing into the water; fortunately not exploding, otherwise the consequences would have been serious.

The Bee did not return the fire but slowed a gun towards the shore observing which the soldiers retreated.—Reuter.

Observatory at 9 a.m. this morning:—4 p.m. 12th, typhoon in about Long. 127 E. Lat. 17 N, direction unknown.

Another message at 11.30 a.m. to-day reported the typhoon to be in about Long. 127 E. Lat. 18 N, moving North.

Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day: 1.27 inch. Total since January, 77.13 inches, against an average of 70.29.

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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 24th SEPTEMBER, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order

M. MANUK,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 9th September, 1926.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE SIXTH YEARLY DRAWING of 20 DEBENTURES (1926) issue—\$500 each—of the Hongkong Club, Payable on THURSDAY, the 30th September, 1926, will be held in the Club House, at 11 o'clock, a.m. on TUESDAY, the 14th September, 1926.

Bearers of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By Order,

T. A. ROBERTSON,

Lieut. Col.,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd September, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 9th October, 1926, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Causeway Bay Stables and Hongkong Club Annex. Entries will close at 12 O'CLOCK NOON on SATURDAY, 25th September, 1926.

Hongkong, August 31, 1926.



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**DAIRY FOOD AND DAILY
POISON.**

THE ANTI-DOPE REGULATIONS.

"Truth" of August 4 writes: For many months past the press has been hammering away at the subject of pure food, but it is only when the country is startled by sensational events like the Loch Maree tragedy or by scare headlines about "botulism" that the average person awakes to the fact that our food supply is far from having attained the necessary standard of perfection and purity. That our daily food should be "above suspicion" is a truism; but so long as canned and bottled fruits and pickles, meat and fish pastes, sausages, meat pies, and such-like preparations have promiscuous associations with the chemical factory the Caesarian standard of purity will not be attained. It has been left to a few firms, whose numbers could probably be counted on the fingers of one hand, to prove that canned and bottled foods can be sold in perfect condition without the use of preservatives or artificial colouring matter. The new Public Health (Preservatives in Food) Regulations, which come into partial operation on January 1, are to be welcomed as the first manifestations of the pricking of the official conscience on this important subject.

Sulphuric acid is one of the preservatives to be banned under the new rules. It is largely used for the preservation of substances like tomato pulp, which is imported into this country in huge quantities for manufacture into tomato ketchup and tomato soups. The question is not so much whether sulphuric acid in greatly diluted strength is harmful to the human system as whether a dangerous dose may be sold as a consequence of the ignorance or carelessness of the food manufacturer. But why use sulphuric acid or any other preservative in a food when at least one reputable firm, with extensive works in this country and in America, has proved that this article can be sold in excellent condition absolutely free from preservatives and colouring matter? It is a most significant point that the firms that have had the foresight and enterprise to discover the secret of manufacture without preservatives place first importance on canning or bottling their tomato soups and ketchups on the day on which the tomatoes are picked. From this the only possible inference is that chemicals are used not so much to preserve good food as to mask bad or partly decayed food. A lamentable feature of the Government's initial attempt to deal with the problem is that, while certain definitely harmful preservatives are banned, others, presumably not so potent, are to be permitted—regardless of the fact that their chief function in future, as in the past, will be to mask foods that are unfit for human consumption.

The use of boric acid has been objected to for years. Since the new regulations were formulated there has been some controversy about its effects, but there is no doubt that boric acid, in different forms, is a positive and dangerous poison for thousands of people who possess the "boric idiosyncrasy" or, in other words, are peculiarly susceptible to even small doses of this preservative. The moment such people partake of boric acid in foodstuffs, they feel violent pains in the stomach, develop acute indigestion and probably ulceration of the mouth. If the dose is a large one or is repeated by the frequent swallowing of boric-poisoned foods, unpleasant and persistent skin troubles follow. Overdoses of boric acid can easily be taken in the course of a day, even if every item of food containing it is "doped" only to the limit prescribed by the law. Meats, pickles, fish paste, foreign bacon, jam—in fact, anything that contains vegetable or fleshy matter—may all contain boric acid, and consequently there is a dangerous risk of taking it in cumulative doses.

Other people suffer from the "sallylic idiosyncrasy." Sallylic acid is largely used in coffee extract, butter, jams, etc. It is a powerful stomach irritant to all persons who have the idiosyncrasy. The appended table shows some of the chemicals now to be banned and their effect on the human system—

How Used and Effect.
Sulphuric Acid: Sprayed on fresh and frozen meat, meat substances, and gelatine. Hardens and toughens the meat; irritates the mucous membranes of the human body and retards digestion.
Boric Acid and Borates: Used in innumerable foodstuffs, such as milk, dairy produce, dried eggs, meats, jams, and vegetable products. Cumulative effect on human system and produces all kinds of digestive disorders.
Copper Sulphate: Largely used to colour all kinds of bottled fruit, jam, and other vegetable foods. It is a powerful

Imparts vivid green colour. Also used to mask and freshen stale or partly decayed foods.
Powerful stomach irritant. Causes vomiting and indigestion.
Common use of constipation and more serious complications.

Sallylic Acid.
Preservative in coffee extract, butter, jams, and milk.
Powerful stomach irritant. Causes vomiting and indigestion.
Added to vinegar to prevent fermentation of pickles, fruit pulp, etc.

Harmless in minute quantities, but is undesirable and unnecessary foreign matter.

Antimony Sulphide.
Colouring matter used in various foods.
Causes faintness, diarrhoea, vomiting, and pains and cramp in the stomach.

Arsenic Sulphide.
External antiseptic for cheese, etc.
Causes faintness, diarrhoea, vomiting, and pains and cramp in the stomach.

Gamboge.
A vegetable product used for colouring confectionery and egg substitutes.
A violent purgative.

It cannot be pointed out too emphatically that while the Government are permitting certain preservatives as substitutes, the real alternative to the banned poisons, in nearly every case, is extreme cleanliness in manufacture, absolute freshness and purity of the basic foodstuffs, personal cleanliness of workers, and hygienic treatment and maintenance of all appliances and machinery.

The new regulations are causing uneasiness among certain classes of food manufacturers. Some will undoubtedly have to go out of business. Others may use the permitted preservatives, but in that case their foodstuffs, bearing a boldly printed label, "This contains preservative," will have to compete with the products of other firms who already have the advantage of their more up-to-date methods by being able to use such slogans as "Free from preservatives" and "Free from benzene of soda," etc. The majority, undoubtedly, will seek new methods of poison-free manufacture. Research work is being carried out with feverish zeal in this direction. If the new food laws compel even a few manufacturers to abandon poisonous preservatives, a successful blow will have been struck against certain glaring abuses in the food trade.

Meanwhile those who wish to obtain first-hand knowledge of the facts relating to food poisoning should study the "graphic explanation" of the new regulations recently exhibited at the Nation's Health Exhibition, Leicester, and now accessible at the Institute of Hygiene, 28, Portland Place, W.

WORLD THEATRE.

**"THE PHANTOM OF THE
OPERA."**

"The Phantom of the Opera" will be shown at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow. This picture is a film masterpiece and its merit is well known but a few memory refreshing notes may not be amiss. Lon Chaney, Mary Philbin and Norman Kerry are the stars.

"The Phantom of the Opera," written by Gaston Leroux, tells of a weird, malformed creature, talented with all the mental gifts a man could have—and cursed with all the physical repulsiveness a god of wrath could devise. His face, the author said, could strike terror in the bravest heart.

Chaney evolved a make-up to match the story—it took months, and it took hours to apply. But it would prove horrible if used throughout the picture. So he does his acting with his back to the camera or wearing a mask—or stands between a lamp and a wall and lets his shadow, all that is seen by the audience—do his acting for him.

The great Paris Opera, largest in the world, was reproduced—and its brilliant throngs and gay revels, and a complete performance of "Faust," photographed in colour, are used in relief to the sinister activities of the "Phantom," inhabiting the cellars which extend five storeys underground and which were the prisons and torture chambers of the Second Commune.

PERSIAN CABINET.

Isheran, Aug. 27.

The condition of the Cabinet appears to be critical.

The Premier has submitted his resignation to the Shah for the third time owing to the falling majority in the Majlis.

OBITUARY.

**MANY PEOPLE ATTEND
LAST RITES.**

DR. C. J. DAVENPORT.

Shanghai, Sept. 7.

In the presence of a large crowd of mourning friends, the remains of Dr. Cecil John Davenport were laid to rest in the Bubbling Well Cemetery yesterday afternoon. The deceased passed away very suddenly on Saturday evening after collapsing in Ward Road, and his death occasioned the greatest regret in Shanghai, the community of which knew him for many years as the Medical Superintendent of the Shantung Road Hospital which position he had held since 1904. He was beloved by the Chinese who knew him for the kind-hearted gentleman that he was, and this fact was testified to by the large number of Chinese who gathered at the graveside and the many wreaths sent to be laid on the grave.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. E. F. Borst-Smith assisted by Rev. F. B. Bence. The pall bearers were:—Mrs. A. A. D. Wall, H. Fowler, and W. L. New, and Messrs. R. G. Dowle, E. Fugh and F. W. Poole.

The chief mourners were the Misses Davenport, daughters of the deceased, and among those noticed at the graveside were:—Dr. C. Noel Davis, Dr. H. Lovatt Cumming, Bellios, Patrick, and Gaunlett, and Messrs. R. J. Calder Marshall, George Matheson, Edward Evans, H. Holgate, Gavin Campbell, R. W. Wells, Isaac Mason, and the Rev. Lobenstein.

The deceased was always a great friend of the police and a squad of Chinese, Foreign and Japanese members of the force under Major J. W. Wainwright were in attendance.

In spite of the request of the family that no flowers be sent, quite a number of wreaths were sent to the cemetery among them being floral tributes from:—Shantung Road Hospital Committee, the Education Committee of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce of China and Hong Kong, Union Church Committee, Council and Members of the Shanghai Medical Society, Members of the London Mission of the Medhurst Road Compound, the Nursing Sisters, from Medhurst College, French School, Nursing staff of the Men's Ward, Red Cross General Hospital, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Case Beebe, Mrs. A. Sprenger, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Mason, The Rev. and Mrs. E. Box, Mrs. A. Sloan, Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Sparham, Yangtzeopoo Lawn Bowls Club, Vanille Juvet, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Dowle, Dr. F. Z. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Fugh, Dr. and Mrs. H. Lovatt Cumming, E. S. Elliott, W. H. Way, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Wall, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Rawthorn, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hopkyn Rees, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Grant, Dr. Dovey, Dr. Galbraith, Dr. Charles, Dr. A. C. Price, Rev. and Mrs. Lobenstein, Dr. T. Chen, Dr. S. F. Yeh, Dr. A. T. Zung, Dr. M. C. Taijeng, C. Y. Tsang, Chang Lung-ping, Y. C. Yu, L. Wingan Kann, Lee King-fook, Y. P. Chung, F. L. Dzu, Zse Chui, M. L. Chu, Y. S. Yui, Mrs. B. C. Wen, Pel Shen-sun, Mr. Chui Shuk-ai, Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Hsia, Y. C. Diao, H. S. Chao, Dr. and Mrs. W. S. New, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. New, F. C. Tsang, Dr. and Mrs. Y. J. Cieh, S. W. Zing Tong, Rev. Lee Foot-tan, Dr. H. N. Chang, Dr. K. C. Liang, Mrs. S. C. New, E. A. Woo, Amahs, Baby Nurses, Nurses Women's ward, Coolies, members of the Tien An Church, Zee Meitsh, Ngi, Sik-tun, Sung Chit-yih, Mrs. Chao, Mrs. Chang, Mrs. Chu, Kuo Foh-dien, Lock Chi-sung, Mah Hong-chang, Sung Zung-ling, Chang Loh-ying, Li Yin-koh, Sung Chen Pin-chin, and Wong Chee-yin.

AT THE STAR.

**"SHERLOCK HOLMES"
SHOWING TO-DAY**

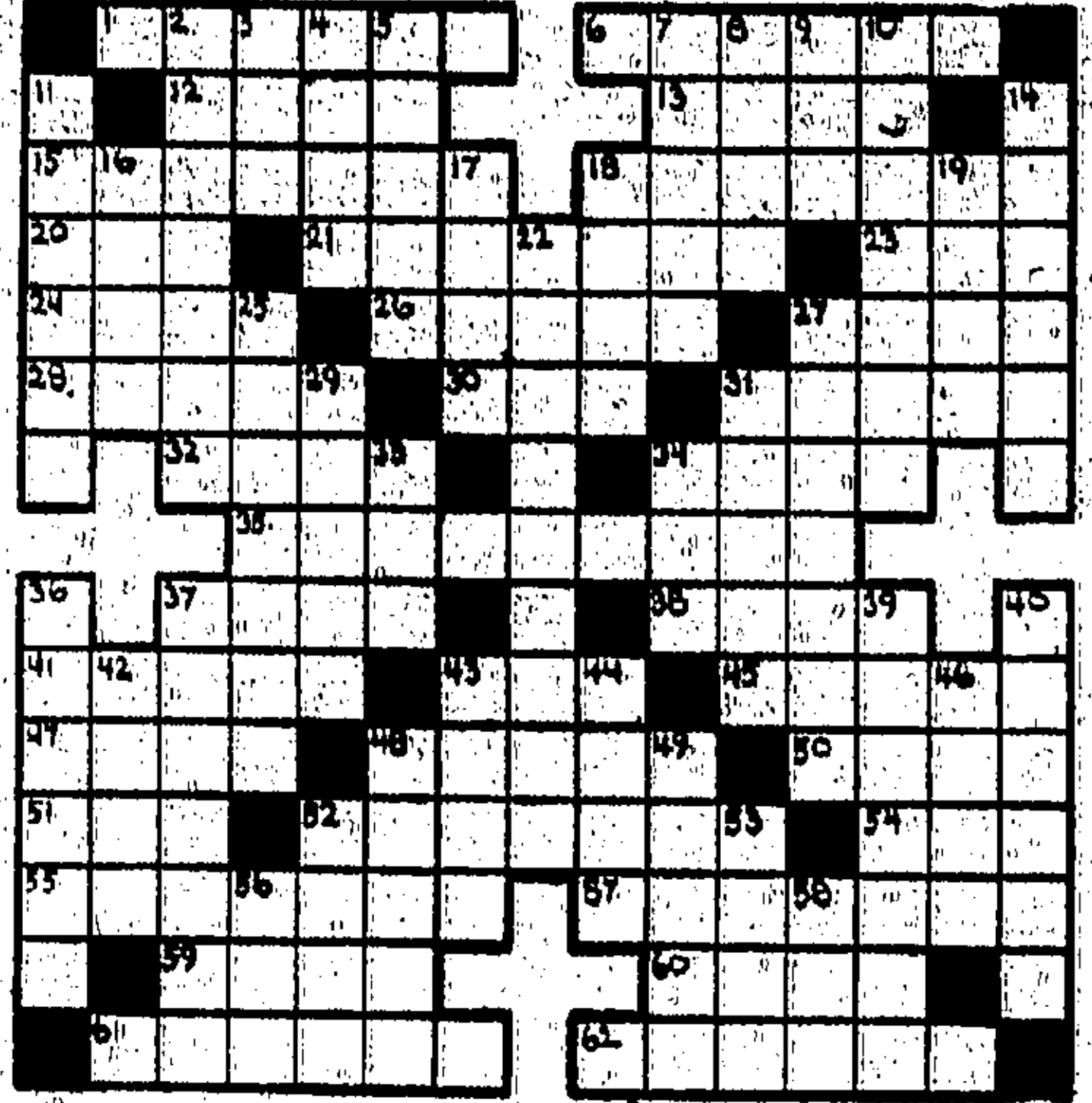
As the immortal detective, John Barrymore has found in "Sherlock Holmes" a role worthy to rank with his dual part in "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" and his characterisation is said to be just as vivid and compelling as in the Stevenson story. The screen "Sherlock Holmes" to be finally shown at the Star Theatre to-day, is an adaptation of the stage play which William Gillette made from the A. Conan Doyle stories and which he used as a starring vehicle for so many years.

The cast supporting Mr. Barrymore is one of the most brilliant seen in any Goldenwyn picture. It includes Gustava von Boffart as Moriarty, the big power behind the criminal elements of London; Roland Young as Dr. Watson; Carol Dempster as Alice Faulkner and a host of others well known on stage and screen. Notably Hedra Hopper, Anders Randolf, William H. Powell, Robert Schable, Perival Knight, Rudolph Danny, Albert Brumling, Robert Fischer, Lumsden Hare, and William H. Powell and Jerry Devine.

Barrymore directed the photography.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



- | HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1-Dormant | 31-Anger | 19-Deep |
| 2-Influence | 32-Despot | 23-A disease |
| 3-Skin or felt | 33-Golf term | 25-Touching |
| 4-Bly look | 34-Witful destroyers | 27-More calf |
| 5-Abashed | 35-In the direction of | 29-Man's name |
| 6-A sea animal | 36-A close pit for storing fodder | 31-Recorded |
| 7-Article | 37-Discharge from a volcano | 33-Seed covering |
| 8-Staff of sovereignty | 38-Hill (England) | 35-Ovar (cont.) |
| 9-Hill (England) | 39-Satire | 37-Inventive |
| 10-Doctrine | 40-Magnitude | 39-Protector |
| 11-Church bench | 41-Notions | 41-Indefinite |
| 12-Speed contests | 42-Globes | 43-Valley |
| 13-Cut off | 43-Meadow | 45-City in Brazil, center of rubber industry |
| 14-Lubricates | 44-A tree (pl.) | 45-Does nothing |
| 15-Most pessimistic | 45-Chooes | 46-Indefinite |
| 16-Decayed | 46-Swift | 46-Tower from which airplanes are launched |
| 17-To hold in check | 47-Terror | 47-Committed |
| 18-Uncloses | 48-Snake-like fish | 48-Story (colloq.) |
| 19-Wants | 49-Judges | 49-To immerse |
| 20-Chief Justice of the U. S. | 50-Pin for fastening on a hat | 50-Hall (Lat.) |
| 21-Loosens by pressure | 51-Resonance | |
| 22-Regrets | 52-Leant | |
| | 53-Profound | |
| | 54-To boil slowly | |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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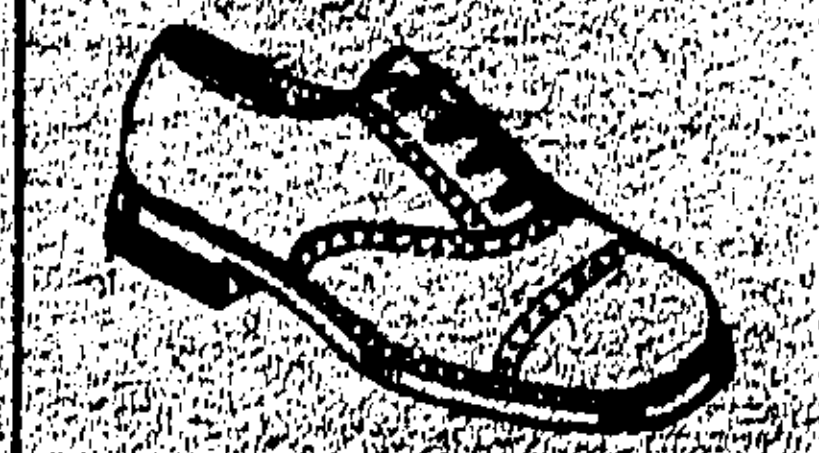
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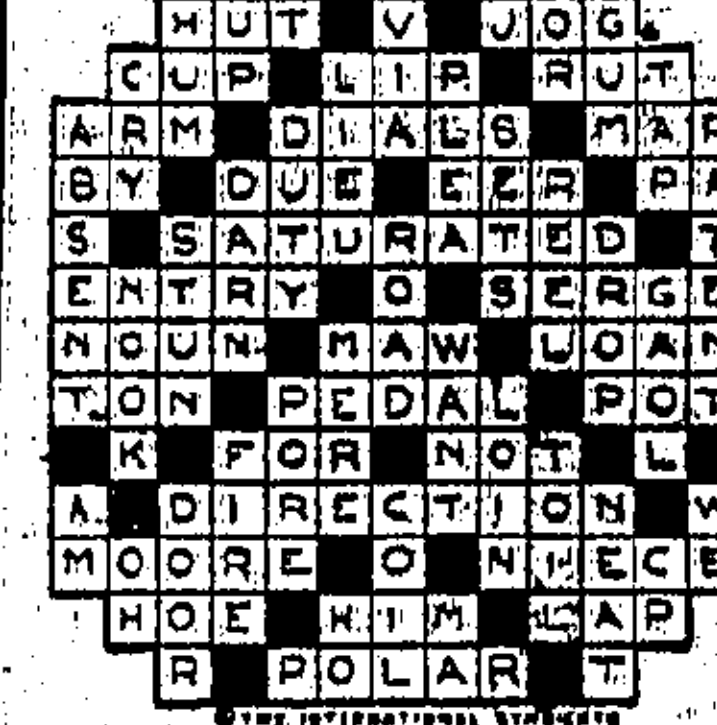
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SOCONY BOAT.

LEAVES CANTON AND IS

PIRATED.

CARGO ALL TAKEN.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Pakka, Kongmoon, Sept. 5.
Plying the American flag, the motor-boat "Denver" of the Standard Oil Co. of New York has been pirated.

The "Denver" was on its way from Canton to Talleung.

Details are at present lacking but the report that has come through is that the pirates have taken all the cargo from the "Denver."

Talleung is a flourishing silk port in the Shuntak district and only a few hours by tow from Canton. That part of the river between Canton and Talleung is very busy and it is difficult to understand where the pirates got their opportunity.]

DARING ATTACK.

ON SAI KUNG FERRY BOAT.

A daring attempt to seize the ferry boat running between Sai Kung (on the New Territories opposite Shauiwan) and Hongkong was made yesterday by passengers who produced arms shortly after the departure of the boat from Sai Kung at 4 o'clock.

It is thought that the robbers were aware that a Chinese merchant would be travelling on the boat with \$5,000 in his possession and that their object was to secure this. The merchant in question was on board but at the beginning of the trouble he threw the packet containing the money into the hold where it escaped the attention of the robbers.

Of three armed Indian guards aboard the ferry boat, two were shot by the robbers, one of these and the other who was not injured being thrown overboard but picked up by a sampan in the vicinity. One of the wounded guards is stated to be in a critical condition. He was taken to Kowloon Hospital.

Although the robbers did not succeed in their main object, they rifled a safe containing the ship's money from which \$500 was taken and a certain amount of clothing belonging to passengers was also taken.

Robbers interrupted. If they had been undisturbed, there is little doubt but that the robbers would have eventually found the merchant's \$5,000 and taken other articles of value but they observed the approach of the No. 2 Police launch which had noticed the ferry boat off its course (the robbers had ordered the coxswain to divert the boat's course in the direction of Lung Shuen Wan).

Before the Police launch's arrival the robbers made good their escape by means of sampans alongside which it is stated they commandeered. They had disappeared before the Police launch came alongside and it is stated that they were seen to land on High Island.

The ferry boat was escorted into harbour and all the passengers were taken to the Water Police station where they were closely examined. It is alleged that the Indian guard who was not injured recognised one of the passengers as having assisted in throwing him overboard.

Another Police launch was despatched to the spot to carry out a thorough search for the pirate gang.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The B. I. s.s. "Shirata" left Singapore for this port on September 11 at p.m. and is due here on September 16 at about 6 a.m.

FOUGHT PICKETS.

JUNKMASTERS CLAIM TO

COMMENDATION.

BUT FINED INSTEAD.

The trial of master of a trading junk (who was charged last Friday before Mr. J. H. B. Nihil at the Kowloon Magistracy with illegal possession of arms and ammunition) drew to its conclusion this morning.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, defending, submitted that the purpose of the defendant's possession of the arms was purely for the protection of his junk.

Mr. d'Almada informed His Worship that during the strike of 1922 the accused was engaged in smuggling foodstuffs into the Colony, and had a licence from the Harbour Office to possess arms and ammunition. In the strike of 1925, the accused, according to Mr. d'Almada, met some pickets while endeavouring to smuggle foodstuffs into Hong Kong who opened fire on his junk which subsequently sank together with all the arms.

In the beginning of 1926, he refloated his junk and again applied at the Harbour Office, for a licence. Defendant's petition was refused. The defendant ought to be commended instead of being charged, said Mr. d'Almada, for co-operating with the Government to fight the pickets.

Det. Sub-inspector K. W. Andrew, prosecuting, argued that if the purpose of the arms was for self-protection, why was it that they were so well hidden?

His Worship imposed a fine of \$100.

COULDN'T WORK.**"CITY OF PEKING" MAN**

IN JAIL.

MASTER PROSECUTES.

Captain A. Sproule, master of s.s. "City of Peking", prosecuted a seaman named Khamillullah at the Marine Court this morning.

The master charged the seaman with disobedience of orders on three occasions.

Captain Sproule alleged that defendant signed on the articles of his ship and received one month's pay in advance in Singapore. He ordered defendant to work on three occasions but the latter refused.

The chief engineer of the steamer gave corroborative evidence.

The defendant said in his defence that he had quarrelled with two other members of the crew some time previously. The effects of a fight prevented him from working, he maintained.

His Worship (Lt.-Com. G. F. Hole, R.N.) sentenced defendant to six weeks' hard labour.

HARBOUR OFFENCES.

The master of a cargo-boat was fined \$5 at the Marine Court this morning for leaving his boat inshore (within 100 yards of the seawall) at night, without permission.

Three Chinese were found "not guilty" on a charge of mooring their boats abreast of five other similar craft already in position alongside the s.s. "Kumsang."

Only one steamer was launched at Sunderland during July. Out of twenty-three shipbuilding yards at the port, nine are now closed down and one has been completely dismantled. The remainder are practically idle.

CANTON RIVER.

FOOSHING'S "TRIAL TRIP"

SUCCEEDS.

OTHER SHIPS HELD UP.

Without encountering any interference, the Indo-China Co.'s s.s. "Fooshing" returned from Canton yesterday with about 1,100 packages of cargo for shipment to coast ports.

As already reported, the "Fooshing" is the first ocean-going British vessel to call at Canton with cargo since the strike began. She discharged alongside Messrs. Jardine's godown at Honam and then proceeded to the stream to load.

On Saturday the Steamboat Co.'s "Lungshan" came in from Canton, with about 700 passengers, a number much larger than for some time past. It is felt that the action against the pickets is beginning to have results and that native travellers are feeling more secure in small boats on the river.

The China Navigation Co.'s "Fatahan" arrived yesterday with passengers and produce. Both these two steamboats also brought down ginger.

River shipping has reported that about 15 steamers, the majority being Japanese and Norwegian, were not under steam, apparently held up, at a point halfway between Canton and Hong Kong.

It is surmised that Chinese authorities ordered the steamers not to proceed pending examination. The forts have guns cleared and Nationalist gunboats are at Ma Chow Island.

H. M. armed launch "Onslaught" was anchored near the waiting steamers.

LOCAL SHIPPING.**TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND**

CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following sea-going arrivals at Hongkong were reported:—

Nagpore (30) Br. from Japan and Shanghai; M. M. & Co.
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Produce (1,400) Norwegian, from Saigon; K. Larsen.

Devanwongse (nil) German, from Shanghai; Cheong Yee S.S. Co.
Sado Maru (391) Japanese, from Yokohama and Shanghai; N.Y.K. Departures.

For Swatow: Hoan Maru.
For Shanghai: Honolulu Maru, Asia.
For Haiphong: Chinhua.

SHIPS IN PORT.

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JEYPORE	5,318	11th Oct.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MOREA	10,918	16th Oct.	Marseilles & London
NYANZA	7,023	27th Oct.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KYIBER	9,244	30th Oct.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MAINTUA	10,902	13th Nov.	Marseilles and London
DEVANHA	8,125	20th Nov.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KARMALA	8,125	27th Nov.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
NELLORE	6,852	9th Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MACEDONIA	11,089	11th Dec.	Marseilles and London
DELTA	8,097	23rd Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KHIVA	9,136	26th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MALWA	7,023	6th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KALYAN	10,941	12th Jan.	Marseilles and London
MOREA	10,918	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHGAR	9,006	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MAINTUA	10,902	5th March	Marseilles and London
MONGOLIA	10,504	19th March	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,129	2nd April	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,125	9th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KARMALA	8,125	16th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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SHIRALA	7,841	9th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TALMA	10,000	13th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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NYANZA	7,023	28th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KHIVAN	9,114	1st Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	5th Oct.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MAINTUA	10,902	16th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MIRZAPUR	6,715	23rd Oct.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KARMALA	9,128	29th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DEVANHA	8,125	30th Oct.	Shanghai and Kobe
TANDA	6,956	2nd Nov.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
NELLORE	6,852	13th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	8,097	14th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KHIVA	9,136	22nd Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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MALWA	10,941	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KALYAN	9,114	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	4th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MOREA	10,918	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KASHGAR	9,006	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MAINTUA	10,902	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TANDA	6,956	8th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	10,504	17th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,129	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KALYAN	9,114	13th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DEVANHA	8,125	18th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KARMALA	9,128	18th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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List of passengers left Hong Kong for San Francisco via Ports per D. L. "President Pierce" on September 12—

Mr. R. F. Lancaster, Miss G. McKimmins, Mrs. K. F. Lancaster, Mr. A. M. McKimmins, Miss R. Nicolet, Rev. Roque Ruano, Mr. L. H. Baum, Mr. W. R. Blaunt, Mrs. R. W. Hart, Miss Ruth Hart, Mr. P. Brosnan, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Cotton, Master A. Cotton, Dr. F. W. Hart, Mr. K. Koons, Mr. A. H. Langenheim, Lt. H. E. Wilson, Master H. Wilson, Mr. O. L. Wheat, Mr. E. D. Golobay, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Dubendorf, Mrs. C. D. Heywood, Mr. E. Sultan, Mr. J. R. Greer, Mr. Quan Hoy Mr. Lew Wo, Mr. Sze To Shung-cha, Mr. Lee Hoo-chun, Miss Yee Shew-ye, Mrs. Yee Shew, Miss Gin Hong-fong, Mr. Lau Sing, Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. W. Duggan, Master J. S. Duggan, Mr. Lim Pui, Dr. E. C. Waterhouse, Mr. Tam Hoy, Mr. L. Garner, Lt. J. W. Fowler, Mr. C. R. Kerr, Mr. N. C. Wickman, Mrs. T. S. Chan, Mr. Dickson Chan, Miss M. V. Leckie, Mr. H. J. Eddo, Miss L. Little, Mr. Ng Yock-chun, Mr. Law Siu-chak, Mr. Ching Hung-hin, Capt. W. Neville, Mr. K. K. Kwok, Mr. Fung Ching-yue, Mr. Y. C. Ren, Mr. C. E. Chao, Mr. F. A. McClure, Mr. Fu, Mr. S. D. Ren, Mr. K. M. Chun and Mr. Hau Fook-kwai.

First class passengers arrived Hong Kong from Manila per A. I. S.S. "President Grant" on September 12—

Mr. Ang Sam, Mr. Chua, Mr. Teopista Chuntianlay, Miss A. B. Dillon, Miss M. Dillon, Mr. J. R. Grundig, Rev. K. Y. Lee, Miss Liang Heng-jua, Mr. Liang Heng-chay, Miss J. McCoslin, Mrs. Ma Siok-fong, Mr. Ng Sui-tin, Mr. P. W. Parker, Mrs. Siy Lo-shi, Mrs. Siy Li-shi, Mr. Siy Chong-keng, Col. and Mrs. H. L. Stimson, Mr. H. Uy Choy-ye, Rev. L. H. Root, Mr. Lin Pse-lay, Mr. T. B. Wilson, Mr. A. H. Raymond, Mrs. Kim Kheng N. Siy, Mr. F. Siy Chong Keng, Mr. Siy Chong-fu, Miss F. Siy, Mrs. Siy Chong-fu, Mr. P. Siy, Miss C. Siy, Master P. Siy, Mrs. T. O. Luai, Mr. Tim Lam, Mr. T. Siy Cong-bleng, Mr. Tin Lam, Miss Tan Sui, Mrs. Uy Kim-khe, Mr. F. C. Whitfield, Mr. R. Luther, Mr. O. Yang, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Walters.

The following passengers sailed by the N.Y.K. "Hakozaki Maru" from Hong Kong for Singapore and Europe yesterday—

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Haiphong	FOOKSANG	Sat. 18th Sept. at 3 p.m.
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Swatow and Calcutta	HOPSANG	Wed. 22nd Sept. at Noon
Sandakan	HOPSANG	Sat. 25th Sept. at 2 p.m.
Tientsin via Shanghai	CHIPSING	Mon. 27th Sept. at Noon
Tientsin via Shanghai	YATSHING	Wed. 29th Sept. at Noon
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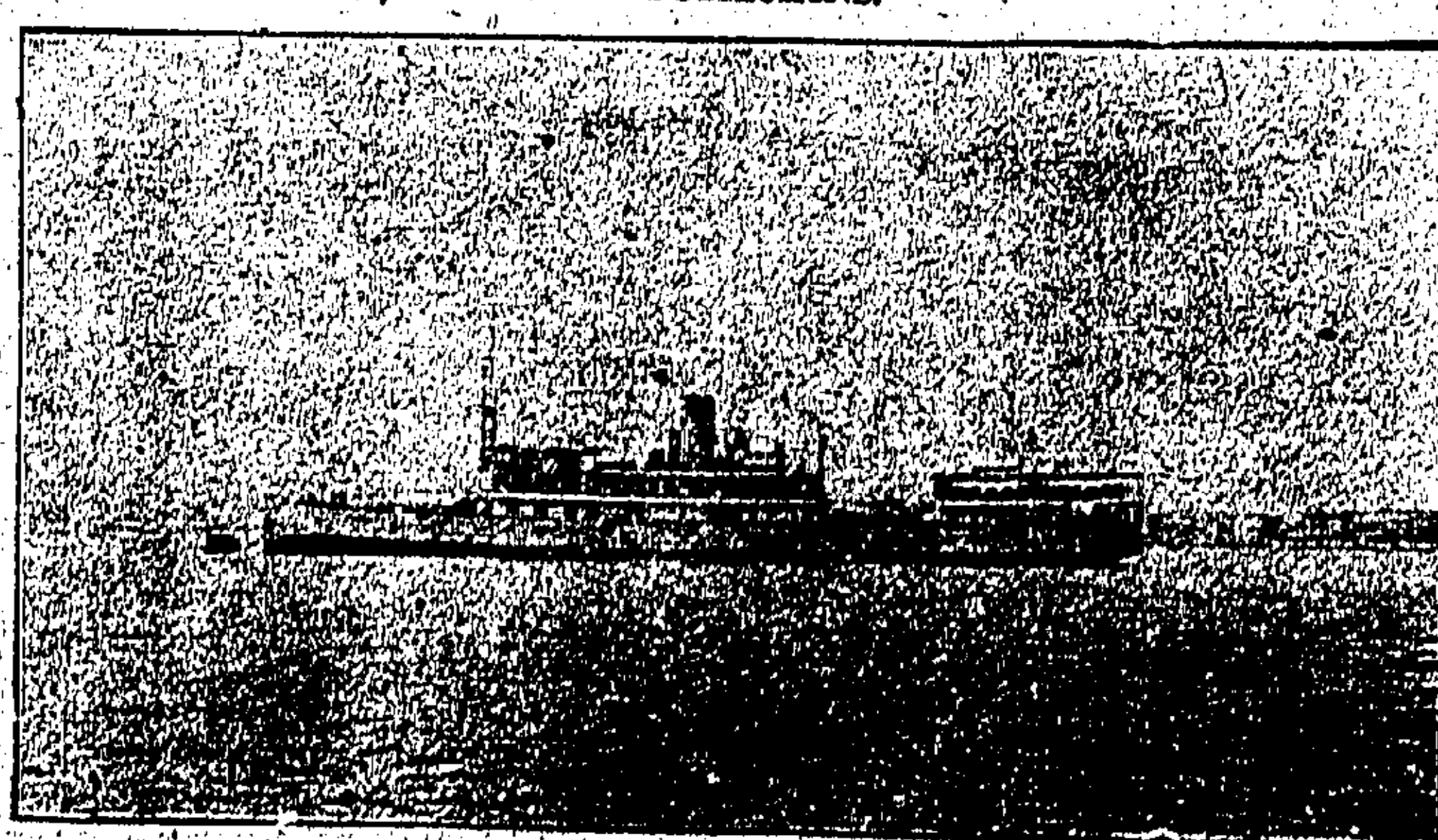
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SCOTT.—On September 1, 1926, at
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Gajah, F.M.S. to Edith Margaret,
wife of Sydney David Scott,
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daughter.

DEATH.

SCOTT.—On September 1, 1926, at
Gajah, F.M.S. Edith Margaret,
dearly loved wife of Sydney
David Scott, Borneo Company,
Ipoh, aged 29 years.

Hongkong, Monday, Sept. 13, 1926.

AN IMPLACABLE ENEMY.

As day succeeds day the real
purpose of the Canton Govern-
ment and of its Dictator, General
Chang Kai-shek, is being exposed
to the world through the medium
of the British Press.

Discussing the question of joint
action by the Powers, the Morn-
ing Post declares General Chang
to be the implacable enemy of Brit-
ish trade. Very recent actions
by General Chang confirm this to
the fullest possible extent. He
has the impudence to warn the
Powers against granting loans to
any of the warring factions, the
whilst he insists on the main-
tenance of the anti-British boycott.

It has been reiterated almost
to the point of weariness in these
columns that General Chang could
have proved his bona fides months
ago by taking advantage of his
self-assumed position of Dictator
in Kwangtung to the extent of
setting his foot down on the boy-
cott pickets and clearing them out
of the Canton River. He failed to
take that opportunity for the sim-
ple reason, as is now quite plain,
that he was and is a staunch
supporter of the anti-British boy-
cott. He has well earned the
sobriquet of "implacable enemy
of British trade." The last
crutch of Canton's feigned sincer-
ity in desiring to negotiate for a
settlement of the boycott has been
knocked from under it by General
Chang Kai-shek himself and by
his minions in the Kwangtung
Administration.

There cannot be—and never
could be before—any middle
course for the Canton Government
to pursue. They are—and were—
either utterly opposed to the anti-
British boycott and to the series
of violations of international
Treaties or they were a direct
party to them. Each succeeding
development brings their guilt
home to them in no unmistakable
manner. They seem to forget,
however, that the boycott is an
ugly instrument to handle and
that it is liable to cut both ways
when least expected. It is admit-
ted in Canton itself that the mer-
chants' losses there far exceed
any of those in Hong Kong, whose
ruin the Bolsheviks set out to en-
compass. It is likewise known
that the action of the small Brit-
ish naval party in clearing the
British wharves and the Canton
River of the "pirates and banditti"
has given the utmost satisfaction
to the vast majority of Chinese
merchants in Canton who have
been and still are squeezed to an
inordinate degree to pay for the
civil war and to meet the
extortionate levies of the boycott
pickets, many of whom must by
now be nearly millionaires.

All this, and much more, has
been written time and again in
the Press of this Colony. But it
cannot be repeated too often, for
it is nothing more nor less than
the truth—and it is truth that
the Home newspapers and the
Home Government and people re-
quire to be told in order to permit
them to envisage the position as it
is seen by those on the spot. It
is gratifying to find that some of
the Home newspapers are getting
the right end of the stick at last—
hence the unassailable verdict of
the Morning Post that General
Chang Kai-shek is the "implacable
enemy of British trade." Joint
action by the Powers interested in
China may not in itself be so
effective as ultimately the un-
masking of Chang Kai-shek and
his Bolshevik-ridden regime in
Canton.

An Event of Note.

Not only will local merchants,
both Chinese and foreign, take
more than passing interest in the
trip of the s.s. "Foo Shing" to
Canton, and back, but the Hong
Kong community in general will
look to it as an event of outstand-
ing importance in the trade with
the adjoining territory. When the
Steamboat Co. sent up the
"Honam" last year as an experi-
ment, not many were sanguine as
to the consequences. But it was
felt to be a step in the right
direction. Since then the "Lung-
shan" has taken the "Honam's"
place along with the "Fatsan," a
great number of passengers has
been carried back and forth. Even
officials from Canton have patron-
ised the boats. Believing that an
answer is unnecessary to the claim
that the boycott is spontaneous,
we hardly think it worth while to
point to the fact of Chinese still
coming to Hong Kong, and still
sending cargo here. Further
there are not a few who travel by
the railway. This class of pas-
senger generally makes use of a
permit from the Strike Executive.
We have known of instances of
strikers getting permission, com-

WALTZING.

LARGE GATHERING AT THE
CAFE PARISIEN.

LOCAL COMPETITION.

In these days of boycott and
general trade depression, it is
seldom that the management of
local places of entertainment find
themselves unable to meet the
demand for accommodation. Such,
however, was the dilemma in
which the genial manager of the
Cafe Parisien, M. Adolph
Landau, was placed on Saturday
evening. This popular "down-
town" rendezvous was filled to its
capacity. An excellent dancing
floor, snappy music and first-class
cuisine no doubt account for this.
Those who have spent their
vacations in Shanghai are inclin-
ed to make comparisons which, as
the old saying goes, are always
odious. All that can be said is
that with M. Landau in Hong
Kong no one need be bored.
Shanghai's loss is unquestionably
Hong Kong's gain. Saturday
evening at the Cafe Parisien
proved this.

As announced earlier in the
week, M. Landau offered prizes
for a twenty-minute waltzing
competition and this proved most
popular, many competitors enter-
ing. The judges, Messrs. P. H.
Shaw, R. C. Holmes and S. J.
Bradwell, awarded the prizes as
follows:—

1st Prize: Mrs. R. E. Spurgeon
and Mr. B. Wynne.
2nd Prize: Miss P. Landau and
Mr. H. V. Pearce.

BISHOPS-ELECT.

CHINESE VISITORS PASS
THROUGH.

GOING TO ROME.

Six Chinese Bishops-elect are
passing through the Colony on the
s.s. "President Adams" which
arrives to-day and in their honour
the Chinese community is holding
a celebration, this evening at 8
o'clock in the compound of the
Roman Catholic Cathedral.

The Bishop of Canton and the
Prefect of Kongmoon have come to
the Colony especially for the cele-
bration and will give addresses,
also representatives from the
Chinese Catholic Men's Society and
the St. Joseph's Society.

Archbishop Constantini, who is
accompanying the Bishops-elect, as
well as the latter themselves will
reply.

The six Bishops-elect are:—Mon-
signors Chiu (Chihli), Sun (Chih-
li), Shing (Hupei), Chu (Kiang-
su), Wu (Chekiang) and Chan
(Shansi).

The party of Bishops-elect will
leave for Rome by the "President
Adams" to-morrow.

K.C.C. SOIREE.

ARRANGED BY MESSRS.
MOUTRIE.

ORTHOPHONIC DISPLAY.

To the strains of the new
Orthophonic Victrola some fifty
couples tripped it on the greens of
the Kowloon Cricket Club on
Saturday night whilst many others
remained content with appreciating
its qualities and those of the re-
cords played from chairs on the
lawn in front of the pavilion.

During intervals light refresh-
ments were dispensed.

The musical evening was provid-
ed through the courtesy of Messrs
Moutrie and Company who in addi-
tion to providing the Orthophonic
Victrola arranged an excellent pro-
gramme of record music. The pro-
gramme was arranged by Mr. H. A.
Jones who was assisted by Mr. G. C.
Harrison to whom and to Messrs.
Moutrie at the conclusion of the
evening's entertainment a hearty
vote of thanks was accorded.

Rome, September 2.—Premier
Mussolini received the American
Ambassador Henry Fletcher who
came to say farewell before return-
ing to the United States.

ing down to see about employment,
returning to Canton to hand in
their pass, and then getting past
the cordons to come down for
good. All this merely goes to
show that the communities of
Canton and Hong Kong want to be
in permanent communication.
Very few travelled on the steam-
boats when they first resumed
after the original stoppage. The
traffic has increased and will in-
crease. The Indo-China Steam
Navigation Co. having shown the
way it now remains for more
steamers to follow suit. By show-
ing the Canton merchants that we
are indifferent to the threats of
strike pickets, we shall be giving
more encouragement to traders to
resume old connections.

FRIEND & FOE.

Gen. Chang Kai-shek's
Manifesto.

TO FOREIGN NATIONS.

What Will Provoke Enmity or
Friendship.

The following was culled from
the "Canton Gazette" of September
10 and is published in the "China
Mail" without alteration:—

The Commander-in-Chief, Gen-
eral Chang Kai-shek, has issued a
manifesto to Foreign Nations, of
which the following is a free trans-
lation:—

In compliance with the will of
our late President (Dr. Sun Yat-
sen), I have taken up the heavy
burden allotted to me by the Party
and the Government. Furthermore,
in compliance with the demand of
the people for freedom and equality
and for the cause of righteousness
I therefore lead the Northern Pun-
itive Expedition.

We will soon fight a decisive
battle with the traitor Wu Pei-fu.
I therefore take this opportunity to
inform our friendly nations of cer-
tain facts.

Disturbances Since Yuan Shih-kai.
Since the rebellion of 1911, there
have been disturbances annually.

Firstly, Yuan Shih-kai proclaimed
himself emperor of China. Second-
ly, Chang Hsun attempted to re-
store the Manchu Monarchy. Third-
ly, Feng Kuo-chang and Hsu Shih-
chang usurped the presidency. For-
thly, Yuan Shih-kai monopolised
the Government. Fifthly, the
bribed election of Tiao Kun, and
Wu Pei-fu. Everything detri-
mental to the work of National
Revolution, these traitors will exert
themselves to carry out. While in
betraying the country and harming
the people, they will exert their
malice in carrying out. Every
year there has been war and the
people could not live in peace. Not
only was our late President much
grieved at this, I am sure our
friendly nations also felt similar
regret. After the 10th year of the
Republic, Bandit Wu Pei-fu rose
to uphold the traditions of the
Northern militarists. He com-
mitted worse acts than were com-
mitted by the Northern Party. He
killed the people who were still
panting under distress.

Denounce Wu Pei-fu.
The life of the country is draw-
ing its last breath, and Wu wishes
to exterminate it. He also wished
to overthrow the foundation of Na-
tional revolution which is dependent
upon the country. The Tariff Con-
ference is detrimental to the self-
government of China. Not only do
the people of China not wish this
useless Tariff Conference to harm
the true relationship of our friend-
ly nations and to degrade our posi-
tion of equality, yet the upright
people of other countries, for the
cause of international equality,
have protested against it.

In order to attain world peace
there should be international
equality. During the opening of
the Conference, Wu Pei-fu envying
the government of Tuan Chi-jui
had also protested against the Tariff
Conference. But soon when he got
control of the (Peking) government
he wished to borrow loans with the
2½ per cent. surtax as security in
order to prolong internal war.

More Allegations.
Because of his willingness to
betray his country, he is consid-
ered a criminal in the eyes of the
people. He is also a traitor of
peace because he misled the friend-
ly nations. He has been condemn-
ed by the people ever since his
bidding in Hankow.

He is now usurping power and
illegally issuing orders to create
disturbances in the various pro-
vinces. He should be condemned
for his crimes. Tiao Kun, the Pre-
sident under the bribed election,
was formerly supported by Wu
Pei-fu but now is ignored by the
people. Therefore, on what
grounds, is Wu Pei-fu eligible to
represent China in internal and ex-
ternal affairs. Wu Pei-fu is really
the traitor of the country and
enemy of the people. In his past
history, he broke the dykes in or-
der to drown the people of Hunan.
He killed the workmen of the
Peking and Hankow Railway. In
the Chihli and Anhwei struggle, the
Chihli and Fengtien struggles Wu
simply fought for the control of
more provinces. He is craving for
his own benefit in his attempt to
disturb Hunan and Szechwan.

Who Are "Friends."
He also promoted the Rights to
deceive the people. His crimes are
too numerous to be mentioned here.
If he is not punished, the unifika-
tion and independence of China
will be hopeless. If he is not
punished, the character of the four
hundred million people is disgraced.
If he is not punished, the friendly
nations will be deceived by him and
the diplomatic affairs of the people
will be hindered. For the sake of
unifying China, of saving the people
from distress, of protecting the
foundation of National Revolution,
for the sake of future interna-
tional peace and of maintaining the
equality and welfare of natives and
foreigners, the Nationalist Govern-
ment, therefore, ordered me to lead
the Northern Expedition, to exter-

minate traitor Wu and clear up the
country's troubles.

The present Northern Expedi-
tion, for which I am under orders
to lead, is to comply with the de-
mands of the people of China for
National Revolution and to fulfil
the mission of achieving the free-
dom and equality of China for
which our late President Sun had
been contemplating. Those coun-
tries that help our National Revo-
lution will be treated as the most
friendly nations. Those countries
that hinder our National Revolution
will be expelled by the four
hundred million people. You know
from history that every country
must pass through a period of Na-
tional Revolution. Equality and
freedom are the essential needs of
all nations. If a country is not in-
dependent it will be the cause of
international war. Righteousness
and humanity do not allow the
oppression of a country.

World's Permanent Peace.
Since the industrial reformation
and up to this day international
imperialism is struggling and arm-
ing for the colonisation of settle-
ments. The oppressed people can-
not free themselves of distress.
The loss sustained by the people
of the oppressor countries exceeds
the benefits they get. Being dis-
appointed over the experience of
the World War our people demand-
ed their independence. Estimating
the future of the world, our Party
advocated National Independence
which is the basis of international
peace. Therefore the unification
and independence of China means
the permanent peace of the world.
The equality and freedom of our
country will give our friendly na-
tions endless benefits.

I sincerely hope that all countries
having sympathy with national
movements will help China in her
National Revolution. This is not
only the earnest hope of our
people; the oppressed people of
the world also depend on it.

I have some more to inform our
friendly nations.

Chinese People's Demands.
Since the revolution of 1911 and
up to this day, some of our friend-
ly nations do not understand the
immediate demands of our people
and the real significance of world
peace. Behind the militarists in
every internal war, there are some
imperialistic speculators giving in-
structions. The constant loans are
prolonging the internal war. So
in every internal war the mis-
understandings of the people
towards the friendly nations are
deeper. Therefore, whenever the
militarists gain victories, the in-
visible losses sustained by the for-
eigners are greater. This is due to
wrong policies and observation. To
go against the demand of the people
is detrimental to one's personal
welfare.

I am leading the Northern Ex-
pedition, not only to unify China
but to accomplish world peace. I
will undertake the responsibility to
protect the lives and properties of
those people irrespective of nation-
ality, who will not hinder the
actions and conduct of the war of
the National Revolution. The na-
tives as well as foreigners will not
allow those people who use the un-
equal treaties as a cover to help
the militarists in harming the
people. If they do, though I wish
very much to maintain their friend-
ship, yet I am afraid it will be
against righteousness. I have to
explain this and hope our friendly
nations will sympathise.

The Day.
The crimes of traitor Wu have
arrived with the day of reckoning.
The troubles of China have been
going on for 15 years. Therefore
I dare to lead the revolutionary
armies to exterminate the traitors
and dangerous militarists as soon
as possible and then to achieve the
unification of China. It is a fact
that the independence of China
means world peace. The success
of revolution is beneficial to our
friendly nations. Under these
principles I have to explain clearly.
I will love and respect those who,
for the sake of righteousness, help
our National Revolution. I will
also expel those who will, or try
to, hinder our Revolutionary Move-
ments.

With the utmost sincerity this de-
claration is issued to our friendly
nations and to inform the universe.
(Signed)—Chang Kai-shek, Com-
mander-in-Chief of the National
Revolutionary Army At Changsha,
(August 22, 1926.)

HEALTH BUREAU.

LATEST OFFICIAL RETURN.

The Health Bulletin of Eastern
ports for week ended September 4
is as follows:

Plague.
14 cases at Rangoon.
3 cases at Tanatave.
8 cases at Majunga.

Cholera.
2 cases at Dairen.
122 cases at Shanghai.
38 cases at Amoy.
3 cases at Bangkok.
1 case at Madras.
1 case at Rangoon.

Small-pox.
1 case at Vladivostok.
5 cases at Bangkok.
6 cases at Madras.
4 cases at Bombay.
1 case at Vizagapatnam.
3 cases at Alexandria.

BOMB IN ROME.

MUSSOLINI HAS NARROW ESCAPE.

CAR WINDOWS SHATTERED.

Rome, Sept. 11.

A bomb was thrown at Sighthor Mussolini while he was riding in the street. Mussolini was uninjured and his assailant was arrested.

Late.

Mussolini's car was passing along the Piazza Portina en route to the Chigi Palace, when a young stonemason named Giovanni threw a bomb. It shattered the windows of the car, rebounded to the ground and exploded, slightly injuring four passers-by.

Mussolini calmly drove on. The crowd tried to lynch his assailant, whom the police rescued with difficulty.

Several of the police were injured in protecting Giovanni, the eighteen-year-old youth, arrested by Mussolini's detective escort.

Giovanni declared that he arrived in Rome to-day from abroad, but does not possess a passport.

Mussolini duly reached Chigi Palace and attended to business with complete composure.

Demonstrations organized throughout the capital converged on the palace shouting congratulations.

In a message announcing the attack on Mussolini, the National Executive of the Fascist Party says: "God has saved Italy once more." The Note states that Mussolini has prohibited any reprisals.

More detailed descriptions of the attack state that the chauffeur of the car escorting Mussolini steered his car at the assailant, the police jumped out and hurled themselves at Giovanni, who, as he ran, threw another bomb behind him, which failed to explode.

Giovanni, in the course of the police examination, admitted that he had come to Italy for the purpose of attempting to kill Mussolini. He arrived in Rome that morning and had sat outside the cafe for an hour waiting Mussolini's passage. A revolver loaded with dum-dum bullets was found in his possession.

The police strongly suspect that several men were engaged in the attempt, as a number of dangerous individuals are known to have arrived in Italy recently, from abroad.

After the attempt crowds of prominent people, headed by the Duchess of Aosta, besieged the Palazzo to congratulate Mussolini, who was frantically cheered by the crowds when returning home.

The Pope has warmly congratulated Mussolini. Signor Mussolini, in a speech to an enormous and most enthusiastic crowd, in front of the Palazzo Chigi, declared that he did not want the public order to be disturbed. He proceeded to say a "few grave words," which, he said, must be interpreted literally by those for whom they were intended. "We must make an end of these disorders and culpable, unheard-of acts of intolerance beyond our frontiers."

The crowd here shouted itself hoarse for several minutes. Mussolini proceeded to declare that Italian friendship might be fatally compromised by episodes of this kind. (Storm of cheers and cries of "It is already compromised.")

The King and the Crown Prince have congratulated Mussolini on his escape.

Another telegram adds that Mussolini said that for the sake of the Italian nation, so that it might be able to work vigorously, he must not be periodically disturbed by a gang of criminals. They must put an end to this series of outrages by resorting to capital punishment. (Loud cheers).—Reuter.

A French Protest.

Paris, Sept. 12.

M. Briand has sent a message of congratulation to Mussolini on his escape.

The French Charge d'Affaires has protested against the tenor of an article in an Italian newspaper. He expresses the hope that the Italian Government will not allow the Italian public to be misled because, though the author of the outrage may have come from France, he is Italian.—Reuter.

An Obvious Duty.

Paris, Sept. 12.

The Press generally follows the lead of the French Charge d'Affaires. "Le Temps" says that French territory cannot be used for any plot against a foreign Power, but France has the duty of hospitality toward foreigners and cannot take measures against foreigners whose only crime is disapproval of the Government of their native land.—Reuter.

SPAIN WITHDRAWS.

FORMAL NOTE TO THE LEAGUE.

Madrid, Sept. 11.

The withdrawal of Spain from the League of Nations is expected to be announced to-day.—Reuter.

Formal Note.

Geneva, September 11.

A Spanish Note formally announces Spain's withdrawal from the League.—Reuter.

The Next Move.

Geneva, September 11.

The next important move is expected about Tuesday on the occasion of the election by the Assembly of non-permanent members of the League Council.

There is some prospect that China will figure among the new members, and it seems certain that three of the nine vacant seats will be given later to the American States.—Reuter.

Polite Terms.

Geneva, September 11.

The text of the Spanish Note of withdrawal from the League is in very polite terms. It states that Spain refrained from making her communication until the Assembly approved of the reform by the Council with regard to permanent members. Spain had also desired to await Germany's admission, which she ardently hoped would be an advantage to the League. The Note is convinced that Spain's decision will not compromise the League's interests and it expresses the parting wish that the ideals of the League for universal peace will be crowned with success.

Spain's notice of withdrawal from the League falls under Article One of the Covenant whereby a withdrawal is effective after two years from the date of the reception of the notice by the Secretary-General of the League.—Reuter.

Two Years Hence?

Rugby, Sept. 11.

General regret has been caused here by the announcement that Spain has definitely withdrawn from the League of Nations. The Spanish Consul at Geneva yesterday handed a Note to the Secretary-General of the League giving two years' notice as prescribed by the League Convention of his country's withdrawal.

The Spanish Government, it was stated, had refrained from making this communication until the Assembly had pronounced upon the admission of Germany which, it earnestly hoped, would be of great advantage to the League.

The newspaper Observer, commenting on Spain's secession, remarks: "During the two years interval Spain will not collaborate at Geneva, but she will be a member of the League. Two years are a big jump in time. He would be a rash man who dogmatized so far ahead and a dull man who did not retain a hope that Spain two years hence may have been induced to withdraw her notice."

A Triumvirate.

How Germany will exercise her membership of the League of Nations is the subject of further comment in the British Press. The Observer to-day remarks that Germany comes into the League with her case for gradual amelioration of conditions of peace. Great Britain, France, and Germany will work together. If they can do that, settling all their differences gradually on terms of evident gain to all of them, they will raise each other to a position of security and a level of prosperity which none of them apart can reach.

If Germany is Wise.

The Sunday Times says: "If Germany is wise she will exert her influence in the general cause of European stability, and will refrain, at all events for the present, from making use of her newly won position to air real or imagined grievances and attempting to get the League to redress them. If the policy of Locarno—of which Germany's entry to the League is the first fruit—means anything it means a guarantee of mutual conciliation and co-operation between old enemies. Such ends cannot be met by the immediate raising of questions which will again set France and Germany at variance. In time Germany's place in the League will inevitably entail the removal of her legitimate grievances. Dr. Stresemann's speech on Friday certainly gave her an auspicious beginning.—British Wireless Service.

Spirit of Locarno.

Rugby, Sept. 11.

Interviewed by German journalists after the formal admission of Germany to the League of Nations yesterday, Sir Austen Chamberlain, British Foreign Secretary, said it was a source of immense satisfaction that there had been no turning back of any Locarno Power. The spirit of Locarno had survived and strengthened and had animated the policy of the respective countries.

To-day began a new stage of co-operation of all countries; but, last there should be disappointment. In future, he begged his hearers not to expect too much nor demand of human and national feelings more than they could render. Much had already been accomplished, but

WHO WILL WIN?

GENERAL ELECTION IN CANADA.

ALL PARTIES CONFIDENT.

Ottawa, September 12.

The General Election will be held on Tuesday.

Both Mr. A. Meighen (Conservative leader) and Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King (Liberal leader) are predicting that they will have a clear majority in the next Parliament, whilst the Progressives in the West are apparently equally confident that they will control the balance of power as they did in the last Parliament; but the betting odds rather indicate a stalemate. Mr. Meighen is concentrating on the Protection issue, promising a tariff high enough to maintain and develop Canadian industries; whilst Mr. Mackenzie King has practically dropped the Constitutional issue. He declared that he has never said a word reflecting on Lord Byng's honesty, integrity, or chivalry as a great public servant. He was anxious to do only what he thought best in the interests of Canada.—Reuter.

SERIOUS AFFAIR.

TURKS ARREST FRENCH OFFICER.

DEMAND FOR RELEASE.

Paris, September 12.

The affair of the French "Iner Lotus" has taken a serious turn.

The Turks in Constantinople arrested Lieutenant Desmons following a collision in the middle of August, off Mytilene Island, between the Lotus and a Turkish cargo boat whilst Desmons was on watch. The crew declared that the collision occurred outside territorial waters.

The French Government sent a Note to Turkey on August 28. The latter replied on September 4 offering to submit the dispute to the Hague Court.

M. Poincaré to-day informed the Turkish Ambassador, who was especially summoned from Dinard, where he had been holidaying, that Desmons must be liberated immediately and that the Government would not permit of further delay.—Reuter.

much lay ahead in order to allay suspicions and heal wounds inflicted by one nation upon another. A new step, however, had been taken to-day towards the goal of allaying all suspicion, open enmity and daily irritation, and of achieving ultimate friendship.

The complete work would take time and there was great danger lest any quarter might expect too much and, when no miracle happened, should be disappointed and disheartened. He agreed with Dr. Stresemann that we had every reason to be optimistic when we heard representatives of France and Germany expressing determination to bury old, sad and tragic history, to cease rivalry in arms which had been so fatal to both nations and had involved so many others in their quarrels and sufferings, and to have no rivalry in future except in arts of peace and progress of civilisation.

He was speaking the mind of all British people without distinction when he said that if his country could help these two great countries to that great end, it would be proud to take part in so blessed a work. He earnestly hoped the future might fulfil the promise of to-day, that all would understand each other better and that they would only cherish of the past what was glorious in their annals, without reviving memories and bitterness against each other.

Germany's Hand.

Commenting upon Germany's admission to the League, the "Times" says her intentions have been expressed by her public men with singular frankness. Germany will try to obtain remission of alleviation of many conditions imposed by the Treaty of Versailles. She desires most of all that the Inter-Allied mission of military control shall be withdrawn from Berlin, and she aspires also to see within a short space of time the complete evacuation of the Rhineland by British, French and Belgian troops.

She aims at revision of the Versailles Treaty in certain of its material and even territorial aspects. Modification of the present situation in Europe is the avowed German object. The "Times" remarks: The League will stand or fall according to the extent to which all its members will sacrifice the prospect of gains which can only be made at the expense of others, and will accept the maxim that the common welfare is the best guarantee of individual benefit. If Germany is to gain the objects which she has set before her within the League, she will be most likely to succeed when she has shown that they are for the good of Europe. She will have full opportunity, British Wireless Service.

SIR W. GASCOIGNE.

DEATH OF A FORMER ADMINISTRATOR.

AN OCTOGENARIAN.

London, Sept. 12.

The death is announced of Major-General Sir William Gascoigne, who was Administrator of Hong Kong for eight months in 1902 and G.O.C.

[Major-General Sir William Julius Gascoigne, K.C.M.G., was born on May 28, 1844. He entered the Army in 1863; became Major-General in 1895; served in the Egyptian war 1882 (medal with clasp), Khedive's Star, and in the Sudan in 1885 (clasp). He afterwards was General Officer Commanding in Hongkong and for a few months administered the Government in the temporary absence of Sir Henry Blake.]

FICTION EXPOSED.

SUPPOSED GOVERNMENT IN PEKING.

London, September 11.

The cruisers "Dartmouth" and "Carysfort" were re-commissioned at Devonport yesterday for this relief trip to China on which they sail on September 15.

The "Morning Post," in an editorial on "the Chinese embroilment," says that hitherto we have concerned ourselves a good deal too much with that diplomatic fiction of a supposed Government at Peking but that the time seems to be arriving when we must face realities or perish. Chang Kai Shek's force in the implacable enemy of British trade but it must also be the enemy of the governing forces in the Yangtze Valley.

Whether these forces will be strong enough to repel it if left to themselves is a question which ought to be considered. There is also the possibility of joint action which may be forced upon foreign Powers in China and the further consideration that British power in China has always been naval.

By the intelligent use of our naval power at Canton we might possibly have prevented this invasion of the Yangtze and Canton may still hold the key of the situation.—Reuter.

China Insurance.

London, September 11.

According to the "Times," some large insurances on goods in China have been placed on the London market in the last day or two. Rates of one per cent. for the month have been accepted on goods warehoused in the foreign concessions at Shanghai and Hankow but yesterday there were signs of stiffening in the rates and in certain quarters rates were 50s. per £100 for the month for such goods as spoken of, while some underwriters have the idea that rates that should be quoted on property not in foreign concessions seemed to be about 25s. per £100 a month according to marine underwriters interested in goods transporting to the interior of China.

In some cases the risk of damage or loss by war or civil commotion is, covered while important insurances are known to have been effected subject to the exclusion of these risks.—Reuter.

A Retreat Ordered.

Peking, Sept. 11.

It is reported from Nanking that Sun Chuan-fang has ordered the Kiangsi armies on the Hunan border to retreat pending the arrival in Kiangsi of strong reinforcements from other provinces.

It is estimated that it will take a month for Sun Chuan-fang to mobilise an army sufficiently strong to cope with the Southerners.—Reuter.

AT THE QUEEN'S.

LAST DAY OF "THE EXTRA GIRL."

"The Extra Girl," Mabel Normand's latest starring production, should be seen by screen struck maidens. It will be screened at the Queen's Theatre for the last time to-day.

This newest of Normand pictures tells how a forlorn, country girl, crazy to go into the movies, gets a chance to go to Hollywood where she dreamed she would be a star the moment she hit the studios. What happened is extremely diverting, with the trials and tribulations plainly demonstrated, what might befall any movie-mad girl of to-day. Miss Normand portrays the role of Sue Graham, who instead of becoming a photoplay queen, becomes a wardrobe assistant.

There is plenty of romance, the love theme taking the principals, Miss Normand and Ralph Graves, who plays the manly lover of Sue Graham, through thrill and adventure to the happy ending.

HEALTH BUREAU.

SHOULD BE INDEPENDENT OF PHILANTHROPISTS.

AND RUN BY THE LEAGUE.

Geneva, September 12.

The Committee of the League discussed health organisation, especially the Bureau in Singapore.

The Japanese and Indian delegates emphasised the importance of the Bureau and urged that the League should run it.

Sir Ramaswami Aiyar, an official of India, thought that the League should not rely on philanthropists, but support the work itself.

Mr. Hilton Young suggested that the health budget should be stabilised, with a million francs and the money required be taken therefrom.

Apart from France and Czechoslovakia, all the nations agreed.—Reuter.

CANTON REPRISAL.

THREAT TO EXTEND THE BOYCOTT.

SEVERING RELATIONS.

As a gesture against the British naval landing at the Steamboat Co.'s wharves, Canton, on September 4, a pro-Kuomintang organisation threatens an anti-British boycott in other parts of China and by overseas Chinese.

It has been decided that the Joint Union of Peasants, Workers, Merchants and Educational circles, should take up the work of drafting propaganda to intensify and extend the anti-British movement.

The following outlines of the Anti-British Movement, six in number, were passed:—
1. That a circular telegram be sent to all fellow-countrymen in Hunan, Hupeh, Szechuen, Kweichow, South Sea Islands and all parts of China, asking them to carry out the movement of boycotting the British goods with one accord and with renewed vigour.

2. That the various organisations in the whole province of Kwangtung should hold mass meetings for energetically carrying out the policy of severing economic relations with the British.

3. That the Chamber of Commerce be requested to make investigations into the different kinds of home-made goods to take the place of enemy goods, and to make out a list of the former, in order that all people may buy them for use.

4. That the Chamber of Commerce be requested to issue at once the notice advising the citizens not to buy enemy goods. And one found buying prohibited goods, to be severely punished upon being detected.

5. That a circular notice be issued to the people of all classes to support the Government in dealing with the present case. Should the British Imperialists fail to accept our demands, measures for opposing them to be drawn up and, to be carried out by the various classes of people.

Another Committee.
6. That a telegram be despatched to the Generals, officers and soldiers at the front, encouraging them to fight vigorously with the Northern enemy without fear of having any trouble in the rear. To co-operate with the masses of the people, as with our success at Wuchang and Hankow, and the victory of our troops reported from Kiangsi and Fukien, we shall form a gigantic anti-British movement to deal a heavy blow to the Imperialists.

It was also proposed that a strong organisation be established without delay, specially for the anti-British movement. It was decided to organise an Extended Committee of Kwangtung People for Severance of Economic Relations with the British. Messrs. Hu Chung-tong, Tam Chik-tong, Kan Kum-shuk, Wong Chi-yuen and Chang Po-hsin were elected as drafting committee.

UNION CONGRESS.

NEW GENERAL COUNCIL.

London, September 11.

The Trade Union Congress closed after the election of a new General Council, which is practically identical with the old.—Reuter.

Prior to the closing the Congress adopted a resolution of "protest" against any action by Imperialist Governments, which might lead to a new war with the Far East or the West.

The miners' delegate declared that there were immediate definite possibilities of war in the East, which would be bound ultimately to culminate in war against the Russian Soviets.—Reuter.

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Mr. Havelock Wilson presided on August 24 at Gatti's Restaurant on the occasion of the formal inauguration of the organisation known as the Industrial Peace Union of the British Empire for promoting industrial peace. A provisional Committee was selected equally composed of representatives of capital and labour.

Statistics released by the Vatican show that there are 312,000 Catholic priests in the world at the present time, of whom 200,200 live in Europe. This works out at about one priest for every 1,800 inhabitants. In Africa, there is only one priest to every 36,000 inhabitants, including, of course, the pagan natives.

If the Soviet is to be saved then it must return to the rigidity that even Lenin himself forsook. This is the statement of Unibyshef, the successor to Dzerzhinsky. The official says there has been too much deviation from the original Soviet system and he proposes to slash ruthlessly the pay roll of functionaries and transform the economic council into an industry commission.

Kyoto, September 6.—Plans just announced show that a Japanese film producing company here has signed an alliance with the Universal film company. The agreement stipulates that the latter shall render technical assistance in the production of Japanese films, which will be distributed throughout the world solely by Universal. One of the first films, it is proposed, will include scenes from Genjimonogatari, a translation of which was recently published in London.

Conversation in Morse between Wimbledon and Borneo has been achieved by Mr. J. A. Partridge, the first amateur to establish two-way communication between America and Britain, and also to talk with Chile. Mr. Partridge, from his home in Park Lane, Wimbledon, got into touch with Mr. Grey, a Briton in Sarawak, through Borneo station SK 2. Transmission was spoiled by interference from two Brazilian stations at midnight after the conversation had gone on for half an hour.

Shanghai, September 7.—One hundred and sixty-four cholera cases were certified by the Shanghai health authorities during the week ended September 4 as against 188 for the previous week, although the death rate was perceptibly lower during last week.

A policeman was so non-plussed over a swarm of about 7,000 bees that settled in a busy Sheffield Street, that he had to ring up headquarters on the phone for instructions as to methods of arrest. Eventually ex-Councillor Bashforth, a Sheffield accountant, came to the rescue and calmly swept the swarm with a brush into a cardboard box and walked away.

Managua, Nicaragua, August 13.—The farmers in the vicinity of the Masaya volcano who have clung to their farms and homesteads in face of the crop damage continually wrought by the poisonous gases which it emits, have apparently decided to beat the mountain at its own game. According to the latest despatches, they have employed a group of German engineers who propose to cap the crater and, by the injection of certain chemicals, to neutralise the gases which, if they must come out, will come out through valves.

Not long ago the Kefuku-kai, or Imperial Charity Society, decided to allow a life-long bounty of ¥ 700 per annum for any person over 60 years of age who had devoted himself to private social work for more than thirty years. Working on this decision the Society investigated cases worthy of the allowance, with the result that 32 persons, connected with social institutions in Japan, and at Seoul have been listed. Considering their length of service, age, condition of health, etc. eleven of the thirty-two are to receive life-long bounty, while the remaining 21 will have some tokens of their service. The ceremony for this is expected to be held at the residence of Prince Kan-in, probably in the middle of October next. Under date of August 30 the names of the recipients were announced by the Association. There are seven foreigners in the published list who are interested in social work at Seoul, Hokkaido, Tokyo, Okayama, and Kumamoto.

Peking, September 2.—The Chinese Minister in Belgium has sent in a request for money for the government students in that country. If they fail to get funds from the Ministry of Education the Belgian schools will refuse to admit the Chinese students, says the Minister.

Peking, September 2.—The Inspector-General of the Hatamen surnames Hu To-ju, has promised to release sixty thousand dollars to the public primary and secondary schools here, within a few days. The lower public institutions used to receive \$60,000 from the return of this surtax every month.

According to The Shanghai "Tribune" a detective employed in the China Merchants Wharf discovered a cache of 1,000 rifles and 10,000 rounds. The Customs were called in but the smugglers had already escaped. No mention is made whether they took the war materials with them.

Peking, September 2.—The headquarters of the local police has issued an order to prohibit fortune-tellers in the city. The soothsayers, besides their superstitions, are alleged to be agents for the distribution of opium and other drugs in their daily rounds. The police will censor moving pictures which appear at the local theatres.

Peking, September 2.—Prices of food stuffs become considerably lower on account of the large crops harvested this autumn and improved railway transportation after the recent war there. Prices of various kinds of flour range from twenty-five to thirty coppers per catty, and only seventeen coppers per catty for the flour of maize.

Dr. Vernon, addressing the British Association at Oxford, said experiments had shown that Americans are permanently acclimatised to a temperature six degrees warmer than the British. The American finds himself most comfortable in a temperature of 70 deg. Fahrenheit, and the Englishman in one of 64. This is due largely to the greater use of central heating systems in houses in the United States.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. Dick Norton and his "Globe Trotters" are returning to Hong Kong and will open another season on October 3. They will arrive from Bangkok.

Passengers departing on Saturday for Europe via ports included Mrs. Alabaster, Mrs. M. I. Hazlerigg, Mr. T. Stanton, Mr. C. Thornton, Mr. H. Burrows and Mr. J. Donnelly.

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Ernest Lewis Pinguet, merchant, of No. 534, Nathan Road, Kowloon, to M. D. Witzell, residing at No. 1, Cox's Path, Kowloon.

Calcutta, August 14.—Mr. E. McGilivray, 24, an engineer on board the s.s. "Matina," which is lying at the coal docks at Kidderpore, was found dead in his cabin this morning. The opinion of the ship's doctor is that death was due to asphyxia, owing to the deceased having accidentally swallowed his false teeth while asleep.

Mr. Karakhan paid a farewell visit to Admiral Tsai-Ting-kan, Foreign Minister, on Sept. 1. The Waichiao has been handed over all official documents connected with the Sino-Russian Conference. Although it is expected that the conference will soon be reopened, no definite reply has as yet been received from the Russian Legation in Peking.

Mr. G. D. Leys, Superintending Electrical Engineer at the Hong Kong Dockyard since March, 1924, has been appointed to take charge of the electrical department at Chatham Dockyard. Mr. Leys will be remembered in connection with the productions of the Philharmonic Society in which he has taken leading parts during his residence in Hongkong. The post rendered vacant by his departure will be filled by Mr. P. A. Tapp, from Pembroke Dockyard.

The remains of Mr. C. R. Coates, H.M. Consul at Changsha, brought to the port on the steamer "Tungwa," were laid to rest in the International Cemetery, Hankow. Blue jackets from H.M.S. "Gnat" and H.M.S. "Bee" formed the bearers, and a distinguished company, consular, naval and community were present to do the last honours to the deceased. The service in the chapel and at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. Bernard Tyndal, Rector.

£108,616 has been raised in Great Britain and overseas for the national memorial to Queen Alexandra.

Mr. Ratanhi Dadabhai Tata, a Director of the Tata concerns in Bombay, died suddenly on August 26 at Hardeles, France.

The naval board of inquiry decided after a brief investigation that Commander John Rodgers had died in line of duty and not as the result of any error, lack of skill or misconduct on his part.

Marshal Joffre presided and several high British officers were present at the unveiling of a monument erected at Guillemont by the Irish Free State in memory of the Irishmen who fell in the battle of the Somme.

The "Daily Express" publishes a message from Paris stating that Capt. Arthur, ex-Aide-de-Camp of Raja Sir Hari Singh, has married a wealthy Irishwoman, who is an authoress and also has exhibited pictures in the Royal Academy. Arthur, who has been living in Paris since he was released from prison, has conducted a commercial concern so successfully that it has been converted into a liability company. He and his wife are leaving Paris in October to live in the South Sea Islands.



Mr. Harry M. Wells, real estate broker, broke his leg when he leaped from the window of his New York apartment at 1115 Park Street (Lafayette Hotel) on Sunday morning.

Putian, the youngest daughter of Mr. M. B. Moody, of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, died at her sister's residence, Jamshedpur, on August 8.

Monsignor John P. Chadwick, chaplain of the battleship "Maine" when she was blown up in Havana harbour in 1898, has resigned as chaplain of the United Spanish War Veterans of New York State, after affiliation with the organisation for 27 years.

Bombay, August 13.—His Majesty the King has approved of the appointment of Mr. Cecil Patrick Blackwell, barrister, as a Puisne Judge of the High Court of Judicature at Bombay, in the vacancy caused by the promotion of Sir Amberson Martin, LL.D., to be Chief Justice.

A United Press cable of September 5 from Martinsville, (Indiana) says:—Senator William McKinley's condition became suddenly worse to-day and his family were summoned to the bedside. Physicians attending him in the local sanitarium say that there is little hope for his recovery.

An Evansville, (Indiana) cable of September 6 states:—Osborne C. Wood was much improved to-day, Dr. Wynn said he expects to be out of the hospital within a week, although "when the patient was brought to our hospital there was doubt for the first 24 hours whether he would live." Mr. Wood expects to depart for San Francisco soon on his way to Japan.

Before leaving London on July 29 on his world tour the Bishop of London sent a message to his diocese, in the course of which he said: "In Japan our arrangements are in the hands of one of my old 'Boys,' the Bishop of Kobe, and among other places we are to visit the new Cathedral of Korea, consecrated on May 2 this year. I have been chairman of the Korean Mission since the lamented death of Canon Brooks fifteen years ago. I only regret that my old friend, Mark Trollope, the Bishop, will not be there to receive me. The arrangements in China are rather vague, as apparently they depend upon the equally vague condition of the country, but I shall try to help the bishops and missionaries out there in any way I can. And thence we go to Singapore, whose Bishop is an old Marlborough, and has often stayed with me at Fulham, and has interested me for many years in his very 'hot' and difficult work."

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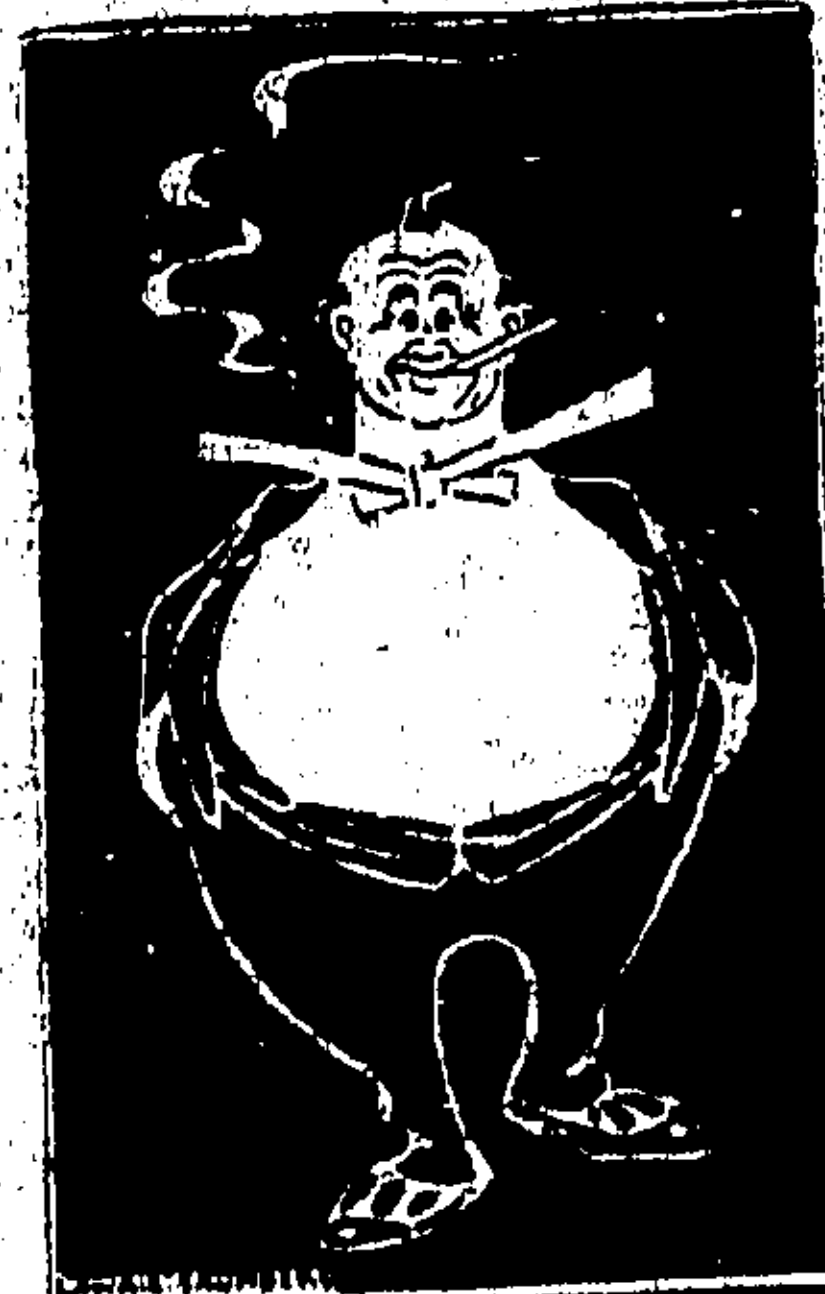
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SPORTS SECTION

BOXING NOTES.

COMING SEASON'S BRIGHT PROSPECTS.

MANY "STARS" HERE.

Although the last boxing season was a great success, it is felt that the coming one will be even better.

In anticipation of a busy time, the Hong Kong Boxing Association has booked the Theatre Royal from November to March inclusive, for the first Saturday in each month.

Mr. M. M. Watson will be carrying on as hon. secretary while Mr. T. G. Bennett takes a well-earned holiday. The indefatigable and highly popular manager, Mr. J. Brook, will have his hands full interviewing applicants for contests.

In this connection the "China Mail" has been requested that boxers who want engagements should send along full particulars as to weight, class, number of rounds desired, record etc., to save time.

"Hermes" Reputation.
The news that H.M.S. "Hermes" is coming back will make welcome reading. Local "fans" remember the shows put up by Stoker Norman Morris, Able Seaman Ewin (who won the welterweight belt outright), Gardner (featherweight champion), A. B. Baker and Dusty Miller.

The three new cruisers ought also to provide their complement. The French cruiser "Jules Michelet" will be here early in November and it is hoped to see gallant Naegelin in the ring again.

The Marquis of Douglas and Hamilton is coming along some time and it will remain to be seen how the "titled amateur" shapes against the "professionals." It is understood that the Scottish Borders will engage in a team boxing match with the 1st East Surrey before the latter depart. This match will give Mr. Brook a good idea as to what talent the new regiment brings.

"Mick" Hunt to Stay.
Attention has also been drawn to A. B. Baker of H.M.S. "Moth" (not to be confused with the man of the same name on the "Hermes"). Baker is said to be welterweight champion of the Mediterranean Fleet. His mentor is F. R. A. Bill Lee, also of the "Moth." Lee, it will be recalled, fought Mason at Volunteer Headquarters (in a match) for the local middleweight championship.

Another event of local importance is that Staff Sergeant "Mick" Hunt, the Army physical training instructor and gymnast who has put many boxers through their paces, is joining the Police. There are quite a number of good "uns among the Bobbies and Mick's tuition should bring them along nicely.

Iron Bux is returning to Manila soon, still confident that he can stage a successful comeback. "Hong Kong boys" wish him the best of luck.

The Boxing Association has constructed a brand new ring with a stronger floor than that of the old one.

The annual meeting is contemplated for next month.

KID RAYMOND ACCEPTS CHALLENGE.

In reply to the announcement of C.P.O. "Jim Cartledge" in the "China Mail," Kid Raymond has intimated that he is prepared to meet Cartledge at any time in a contest consisting of any number of rounds.

"Joe Beck," attached to one of the naval vessels now in port, also informs us that as a light-heavy weight boxer he has taken part in contests in the States and Shanghai under the above name, also that of "East Side Kid." He is anxious to arrange for a contest locally. His address may be obtained on application at this office.

BOY GOLF CHAMPIONS.

London, August 26.
Portsmouth.—D. Lewis, of Ashburham, won the Welsh National Amateur golf championship, defeating Kenneth Stoker, of Chester, by one hole in the 36-hole final.

London, August 27.
Coombe Hill.—The "boys' golf" final has been won by the 16-year-old Eric McRae, of Leven Thistle, who beat C. Timmis, of Leasow, by one hole in the 36-hole contest.

London, August 28.
In the boys' golf international at Coombe Hill, England defeated Scotland by 4 matches to 3.

2 MILES RECORD.

ALFRED SHRUBB'S FIGURES BEATEN.

SWEDE BEATS NURMI.

Berlin, Sept. 12.
A new world record for the two miles flat race was created by Wide of Sweden, who beating Nurmi and another runner, covered the distance in 9 minutes 12.5 seconds. The previous record of 9 minutes 9.5 seconds was held by Alfred Shrubbs of Britain.

Nurmi's time was 9 minutes 6 seconds.—Reuter.

NEW 1,500 METRES RECORD

Berlin, Sept. 12.
The German champion runner, Dr. Peltzer, is claimed to have beaten the world's record for 1,500 metres in a race against the Finnish champion, Nurmi, and the Swedish champion, Wide.

His time was 3 minutes 51 seconds, described as 2 seconds better than the world's record held by Nurmi.

Wide was second, 3 yards behind, and Nurmi third, 8 yards behind the winner.—Reuter.

FRIENDLY CRICKET.

I. R. C. BEAT PHOENIXES BY 62 RUNS.

Paying a visit to the Indian R.C. on Saturday, a cricket team known as the "University Phoenixes" was defeated in a "friendly" match by 62 runs.

"Phoenixes."

T. E. Yeoh, c. Suffiad, b. A. H. Madar	22
B. P. Ng, c. A. H. Madar, b. Curreen	0
S. V. Gittins, c. Rumjahn, b. A. H. Madar	0
Zimmerman, b. Rumjahn	38
J. L. Youngs, c. A. H. Madar, b. Curreen	4
Sirdar Khan, c. Curreen, b. Rumjahn	5
Rumjahn	6
K. T. Luke, b. Arculli	6
B. N. Sudan, b. A. H. Madar	9
F. Hiptoola, c. Rumjahn, b. A. H. Madar	9
D. Anderson, not out	2
A. H. Rumjahn, b. Curreen	4
Extras	4

Total 100

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

A. H. Madar	9	0	33	4
Curreen	6	0	42	3
Rumjahn	4	1	12	2
Arculli	2	0	9	1

Indian R.C.

J. A. Curreen, run out	27
H. D. Rumjahn, b. Gittins	1
S. H. Ismail, c. Ng, b. Gittins	0
A. H. Madar, c. Sirdar Khan, b. Gittins	21
S. A. Ismail, retired	43
M. P. Madar, run out	16
S. A. R. Ismail, c. Sirdar Khan, b. Yeoh	0
Y. A. Wahab, c. Anderson, b. Gittins	14
F. M. el Arculli, c. Youngs, b. Gittins	12
A. S. Ismail, c. Sudan, b. Zimmerman	5
A. S. Suffiad, not out	0
Extras	11

Total 162

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Youngs	4	0	25	0
Yeoh	10	1	40	1
Gittins	7	2	15	5
Sirdar Khan	8	1	28	0
Sudan	7	0	27	0
Zimmerman	4	0	16	1
Hiptoola	1	1	0	0

THE AUSTRALIANS.

v. NORTH OF ENGLAND ELEVEN.

London, Sept. 11.

The cricket match between an English XI (or North of England XI), captained by M. K. Foster (of Worcester), and the Australians, commenced to-day at Blackpool but there was no play before lunch on account of rain.

There were 5,000 spectators. The wicket was soft.

H. L. Collins won the toss and elected to bat.

At the conclusion of play the visitors had scored 229 runs for the loss of five wickets. W. M. Woodfull making 88 not out.—Reuter.

NEW KENT CAPTAIN.

London, August 26.

Cantorbury.—Lord Harris has announced that Captain Corwallis has resigned from the Kent cricket captaincy, and that Mr. A. J. Evans is his successor.

BASEBALL LEAGUE.

SOUTH CHINA CHAMPIONS AGAIN?

SEVERAL "HOME" RUNS.

Thanks to a surprising recovery against the Japanese—whom they have now defeated in all three fixtures—South China are likely to retain the championship of the local Baseball League.

Several "home" runs were scored during the week-end.

SUNDAY GAMES.

South China v. Japanese.

The big match between South China and the Japanese was played early yesterday afternoon and attracted a record number of spectators. South China's supporters cheered to the echo when their favourites gained the winning run in the last inning, but the Japanese lodged a protest at the close of the game on the ground of spectators' interference.

Unless the Association, after hearing the appeal, reverse the result, the South China team are practically assured of the championship this season.

Play was keen and exciting. The Japanese had luck on their side until the fifth inning by leading five runs to one, but South China scored four runs in the sixth inning, which made the score five all, and they blanked their opponents.

With one man struck out in the last inning, H. China made a hit through the spectators at third base and ran round the circle. The fielder met with obstruction in returning the ball to the plate, and being claimed that the ball struck a coach placed at third base. An appeal was made to the umpires to disallow the run, but with no result.

In the follow-up, the Japanese had two men put out at first base and their last man was beaten stealing second.

Ishimatsu scored two home runs for the Japanese in the second and fourth innings by pretty hits to left field.

The teams and score details were as under:

South China	Japanese
S. L. Lee	Y. Hachijima
S. S. Lee	Ishimatsu
Shim	Hayase
Shim	Kusano
Leung	Yokoi
Sling	Kamohita
K. Chin	Murata
Choy	S. Hachijima
H. Chin	Takotami
Umpires: Barnes and Kelly.	

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Filipinos 1 3 0 0 3 6 13

Runs—Davis, Muccio, Mahon, Ismail, Hines, Rankin, Cockey, Leonard (3), Bautista, Zafra, Rull (2), Tecson, Delgado, Kitchell, Angeles (1).

Hits—Club 8, Filipinos 10.

Three-base hits—Ransom, Shank, Cockey, Bautista.

Errors—Filipinos 3, Club 12.

Strike-out—Angeles 4, Cockey 3, Harrell 2.

Base on balls—Cockey 3, Harrell 2, Angeles 2.

Hit by pitcher—Angeles 1.

Volunteers v. South China.

Although the Defence Corps lost to South China after a very promising start, they gave an exhibition of the best hitting this season.

Bawker scored a clean home run by a hit to left field in the first inning. Ramsay came in for the same honour in the fourth inning by placing one just as well in the same direction.

Some fielders on the Defence Corps side made several inexcusable errors, while others overlooked technical points in the game to start a procession of the South China men to the satisfaction of their supporters.

The teams and score details were as under:

Defence Corps	South China
Pincher	June
Spary	S. S. Lee
Owen Hughes	Shim
Bowler	Choy
Valentine	S. L. Lee
Lammert	W. Sling
Rushon	Leung
Wheeler	K. Chin
Ramsay	H. Sling
H.K.V.D.C.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
South China	1 2 7 4 4 0 22

Runs—Lammert (3), Pincher, Spary, Bowler, Owen Hughes, Wheeler, Rushon, Ramsay (1), W. Sling, K. Chin (4), H. Sling (3), S. S. Lee, June, Shim, Choy, Leung (2), S. L. Lee (1).

Home runs—Bowler and Ramsay.

Hits—Defence Corps 14, South China 16.

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LEAGUE TABLE.

The League table now stands at:

	W.	L.	Pts.
South China	12	2	267
Japanese	9	3	749
Filipinos	7	7	500
Club de Recreo	5	6	454
H.K. Baseball Club	4	10	235
Defence Corps	2	11	153

Remaining Fixtures.

Wednesday, 5 p.m.—Hong Kong Baseball Club v. Club de Recreo.

Thursday, 5 p.m.—H.K.V.D.C. v. South China.

Friday, 5 p.m.—Club de Recreo v. Japanese (replay).

Saturday, 2.30 p.m.—Filipinos v. Japanese; 4.30 p.m.—Club de Recreo v. H.K.V.D.C.

Sunday, 2.30 p.m.—Japanese v. Club de Recreo; 4.30 p.m.—Champions v. The Rest.

SATURDAY'S GAMES.

H.K. Baseball Club v. Filipinos.

Batting first, the Club held the lead half way by two runs. In the second inning Shank gave a hit to right field which was good for a home run, but he was unfortunately put out at the plate.

The Filipinos got ahead in the fifth inning by scoring three runs and added another six runs in the next on five hits. Tecson round the circle on a hit and error, but he failed to tread third base and was given out.

The lead was slightly reduced by Cockey, who stole home after a three-bagger in the last inning.

The teams and score details were as under:

Club	Filipinos
Shank	Zafra
Hines	Leonard
Ransom	Kitchell
Cockey	Angeles
Davis	Delgado
Muccio	Bautista
Harrell	Rull
Ismail	Tecson
Mahon	Fernandez
Club	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Filipinos	0 3 0 3 0 0 1

Runs—Davis, Muccio, Mahon, Ismail, Hines, Rankin, Cockey, Leonard (3), Bautista, Zafra, Rull (2), Tecson, Delgado, Kitchell, Angeles (1).

Hits—Club 8, Filipinos 10.

Three-base hits—Ransom, Shank, Cockey, Bautista.

Errors—Filipinos 3, Club 12.

Strike-out—Angeles 4, Cockey 3, Harrell 2.

Base on balls—Cockey 3, Harrell 2, Angeles 2.

Hit by pitcher—Angeles 1.

Volunteers v. South China.

Although the Defence Corps lost to South China after a very promising start, they gave an exhibition of the best hitting this season.

Bawker scored a clean home run by a hit to left field in the first inning. Ramsay came in for the same honour in the fourth inning by placing one just as well in the same direction.

Some fielders on the Defence Corps side made several inexcusable errors, while others overlooked technical points in the game to start a procession of the South China men to the satisfaction of their supporters.

The teams and score details were as under:

Defence Corps	South China
Pincher	June
Spary	S. S. Lee
Owen Hughes	Shim
Bowler	Choy
Valentine	S. L. Lee
Lammert	W. Sling
Rushon	Leung
Wheeler	K. Chin
Ramsay	H. Sling
H.K.V.D.C.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
South China	1 2 7 4 4 0 22

Runs—Lammert (3), Pincher, Spary, Bowler, Owen Hughes, Wheeler, Rushon, Ramsay (1), W. Sling, K. Chin (4), H. Sling (3), S. S. Lee, June, Shim, Choy, Leung (2), S. L. Lee (1).

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U.S. BASEBALL.

NATIONAL & AMERICAN LEAGUES.

A WEEK'S RESULTS.

New York, Sept. 11.

The baseball games in the U.S. big League during the past week resulted as under:

National League.

Saturday (Sept. 4).

New York 5, Boston 1.

New York 2, Boston 6.

New York 5, Boston 9.

Brooklyn 7, Philadelphia 2.

Chicago 11, Pittsburgh 2.

Chicago 3, Pittsburgh 2.

Cincinnati 5, St. Louis 0.

Sunday.

Cincinnati 8, St. Louis 7.

Chicago 7, Pittsburgh 6.

Monday.

Philadelphia 6, Brooklyn 8.

Philadelphia 3, Brooklyn 2.

Pittsburgh 1, St. Louis 8.

Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 2.

Cincinnati 0, Chicago 2.

Cincinnati 7, Chicago 4.

Tuesday.

Boston 2, New York 7.

Boston 7, New York 5.

Philadelphia 5, Brooklyn 0.

Pittsburgh 0, St. Louis 8.

Cincinnati 5, Chicago 8.

Wednesday.

Boston 1, New York 5.

Boston 4, New York 7.

Philadelphia 8, Brooklyn 4.

Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 1.

Pittsburgh 11, Cincinnati 0.

Thursday.

Boston 2, New York 3.

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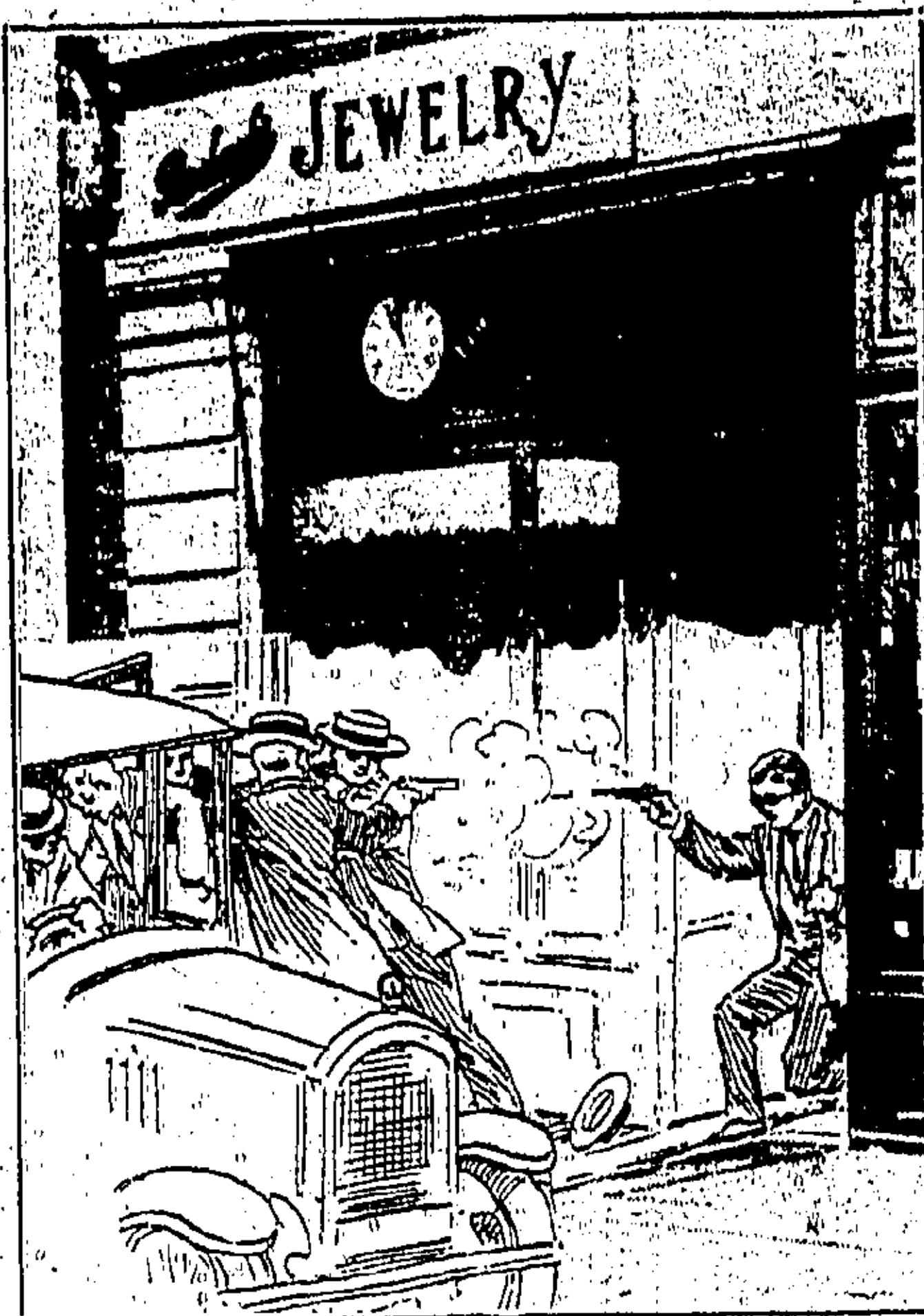
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People and Events in the News of the World



This combination photo and drawing illustrates how Aaron Rodack, New York jeweller, went to his death defending his shop. When six bandits entered, he gave battle. He followed to the street and was shot down. The bandits bundled a wounded companion into their motor car and escaped.



This is a late picture of Edith Green, a young Boston girl, whose dismembered body was found in a box near a cemetery.



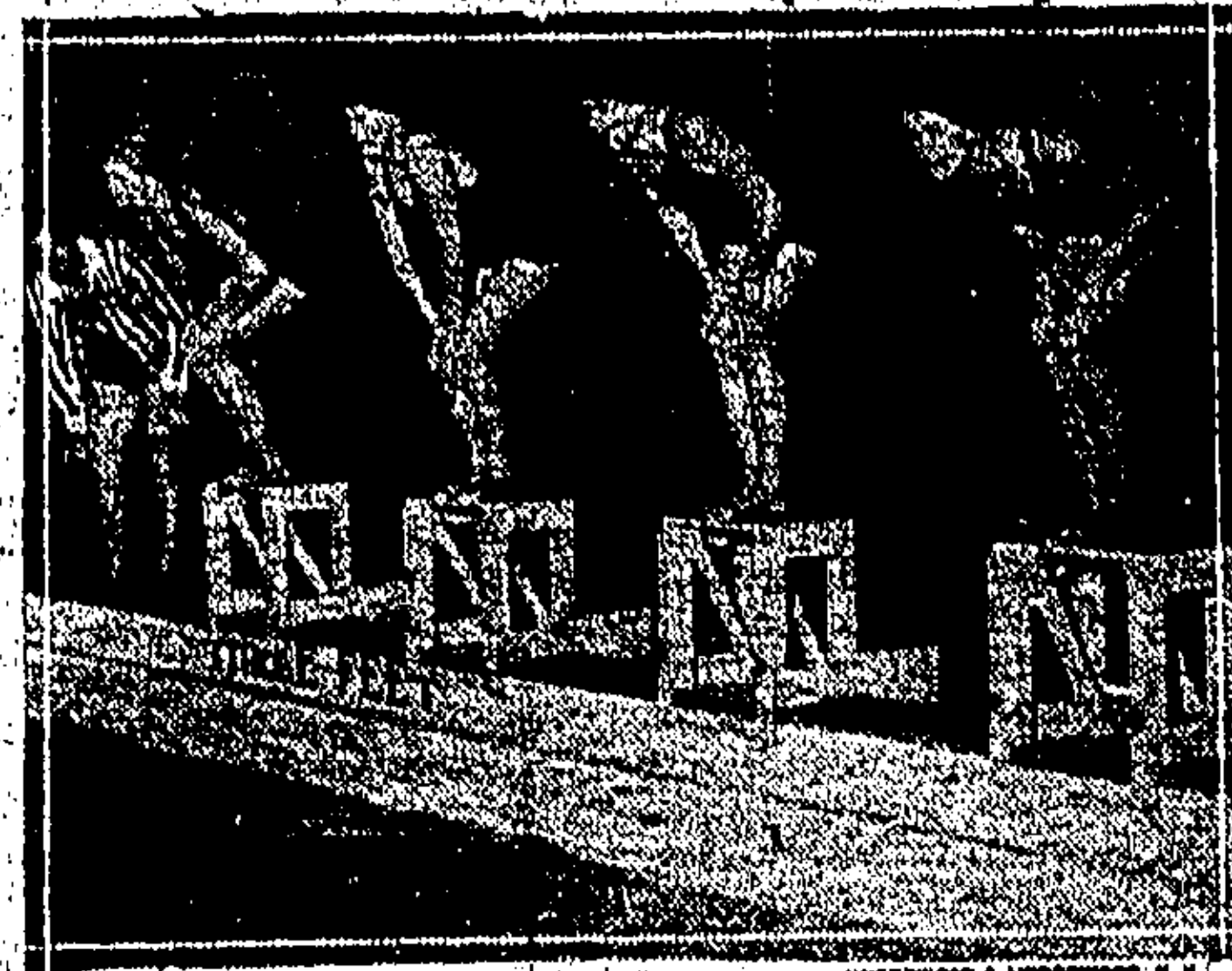
John Budlong, (13), waited at the door of the Newport Court-house whilst his mother, Mrs. Margaret Budlong, conducted her own defence in his father's suit for divorce.



Men are shown fighting an oil fire near Warren, Pennsylvania, where a dozen tanks ignited and almost \$1,000,000 in damages was done.



Rescue workers cooled the smouldering ruins to enable them to search for bodies of victims of the fire that destroyed Twilight Inn, Haines Falls, New Jersey. Many were killed.



Ruth Schwaer, Kathryn Ulrich, Thelma Finn and Lillie May Bowner (left to right), new national champion women's relay swimming team are shown ready for a practice match in the tank of the Casado del Mar Club, Santa Monica, during their early training for a hard summer of competition, during which they hope to add more records to their list.



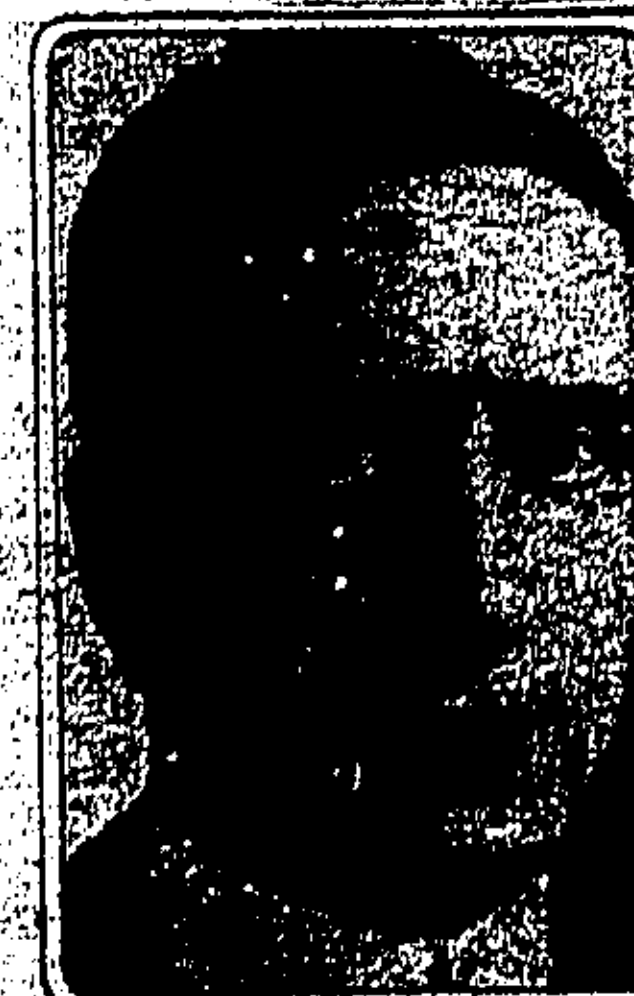
Mrs. Milton J. Budlong appeared in the role of her own attorney in the divorce suit brought against her. The Fortis in this spicy case was photographed in the Newport courtroom.



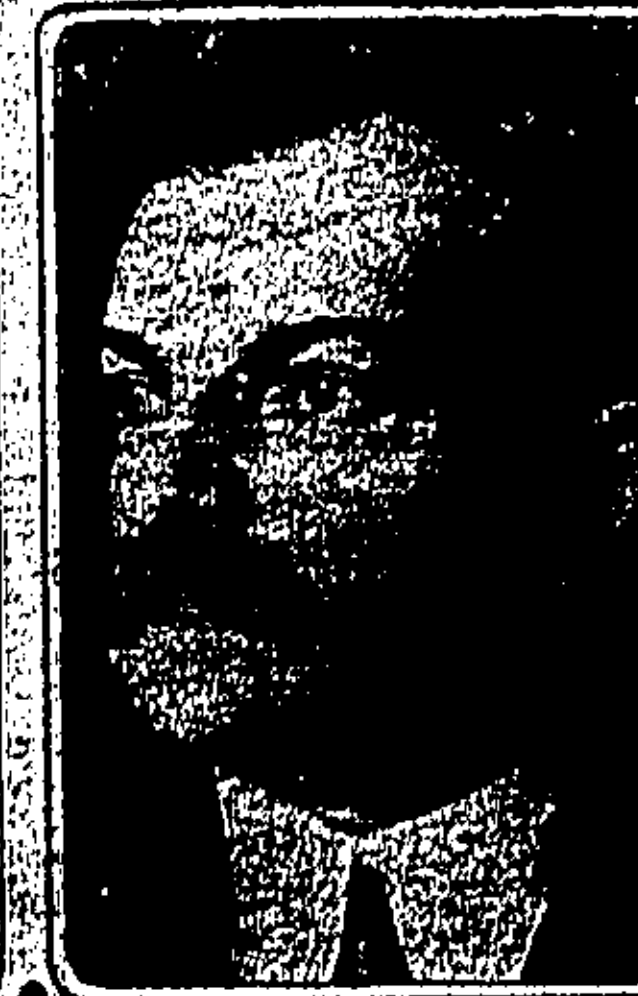
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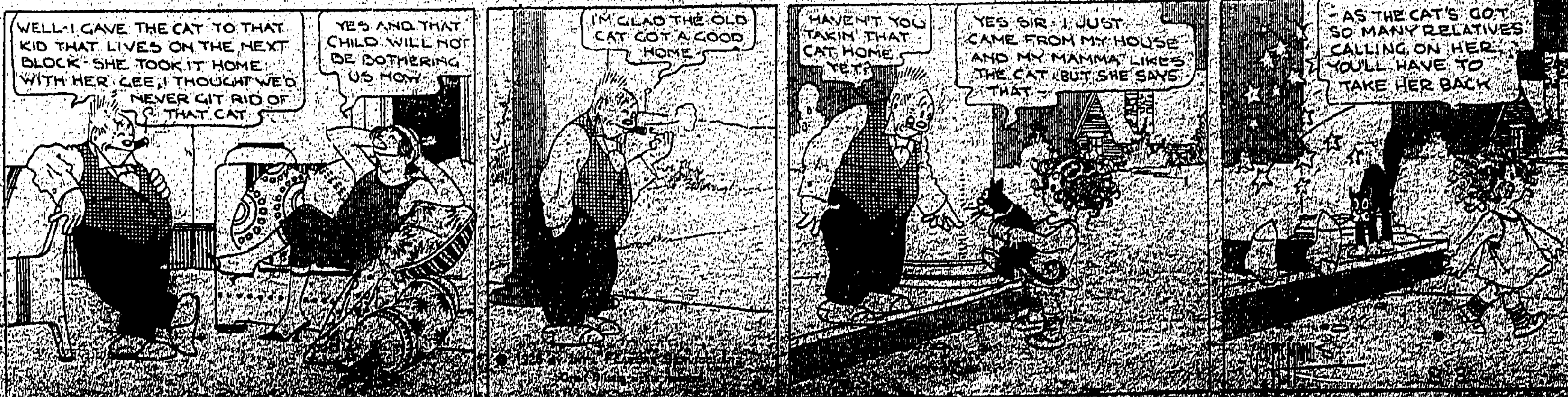
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RAOUL PERET

Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, Benjamin Strong, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and S. Parker Gilbert, who helped make the Dawes plan successful, were reported to have agreed on an international plan to assist France in its financial problems. Raoul Peret was recently appointed President of the French Chamber of Deputies.

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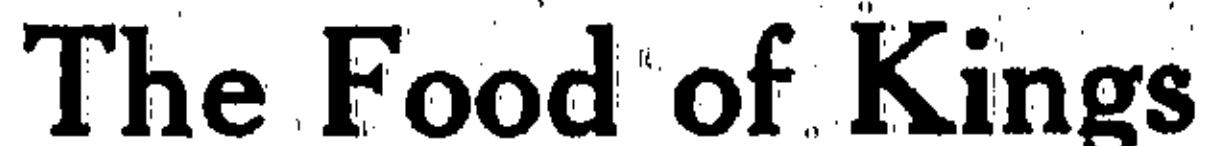


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This order indicates that aircraft has now reached the status of being part of the routine life in His Majesty's service at sea.
The "Morning Post's" Naval Correspondent remarks that one need not look far ahead to the time when every ship of any size will be equipped with aeroplanes which will be used by her own crew for ship's duties, in much the same way as ships' boats are now used.—British Wireless Service.

Order for Denmark.

Rugby, Sept. 12.
The Supermarine Aviation Works, of Southampton, which have been building flying boats for the British Air Ministry, have received an order from the Danish Government for a large flying boat fitted with three Armstrong Siddeley Jaguar radial air-cooled engines for the use of the Danish Naval Air Service.

The order was secured against keen competition of many foreign firms.
No doubt the success of the British boats, which have a span of 75 feet, a length of 50 feet, and a weight of about seven tons, was the determining factor with the Danish Naval Air Service.

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GREAT STORM.

CITY "A SEA SWIRLING IN MUD."

Tokyo, September 12.
Hiroshima messages state that a severe rainstorm struck the city and district yesterday night. The reports vary, but it appears that about 20,000 houses are submerged, 100 were demolished, 20 persons are dead, 30 injured and missing. The main railway, connecting Kobe with Shimonoeki, is cut, and there are also numerous landslides. Some bridges are down. The city is described as "a sea swirling in mud."

Later.
The Home Office states officially that the Hiroshima floods have subsided.
Deaths 49, missing 52, injured 32. Houses destroyed 242. The damage is estimated at Yen 1,000,000. The railways and telegraphs have been restored. Apparently most of the deaths were caused by landslides.—Reuter.

"GENERAL" BOOTH.

MISSION TO THE FAR EAST.

London, September 11.
"General" Bramwell Booth, head of the Salvation Army, is leaving on September 18 on a mission to the Far East. He will pass through Canada and Japan, and thence to Korea. He will probably visit Peking, returning via the Dutch Indies, where he will inspect the Army's Leprosy Colonies.—Reuter.

LONGEST CABLE.

FROM VANCOUVER TO FANNING ISLAND.

London, September 11.
The world's largest cable-laying machine left Greenwich for the Pacific yesterday to lay a cable from Vancouver to Fanning Island, 3,500 nautical miles—the longest cable ever laid in one length. It weighs 3,500 tons and will be laid at the rate of two hundred miles per day. It will lie at a depth of 5,400 fathoms in some places. The cable is part of the all-British line connecting Canada, Australia and New Zealand.—Reuter.

MINING STRUGGLE.

OWNERS OPPOSE NATIONAL AGREEMENT.

London, September 11.
The coal-owners of South Yorkshire and Wales have passed a resolution against a national agreement.

The Notts and Derby miners are understood to have given their delegates a free hand.—Reuter.

Foreign Coal.

Rugby, Sept. 12.
The effects of the prolonged coal stoppage again figure largely in the Board of Trade returns for August. These show that the exports amounted in value to £49,750,000, which is a decrease of £11,250,000 compared with August last year. The imports amounted to £101,000,000, being an increase of £9,500,000.

The total decrease in exports for the eight months of the year, as compared with the corresponding period last year, reaches £13,000,000. Up till the end of June the imports were less than for the first half year of 1925 by £75,000,000, but the deficit at the end of August was reduced to £64,000,000.

The bulk of this improvement is accounted for by an increase in imports of foreign coal, which in August were valued at £7,500,000, as against only £1,700 in August last year.

The total quantity of imported coal for the eight months of this year amounts to 12,500,000 compared with 13,000 in the first eight months of 1925.—British Wireless Service.

Not Hopeful.

Rugby, Sept. 12.
The first decisions of the District Associations of Coal Owners in reply to Mr. Churchill's proposal for the resumption of national negotiations and a three-party conference were announced yesterday. They are, as had been thought probable, all unfavourable, though the West Yorkshire owners' resolution would accept, "principles of general application to be embodied in district settlements." Meetings of other owners' associations will be held to-day, and on Monday the Central Committee of coal owners meets to consider the replies and to report to Mr. Churchill.—British Wireless Service.

COMING BACK.

HERMES SAILING FOR HONG KONG.

Malta, Sept. 11.
The aircraft carrier Hermes, which has been detached from the Fleet in the Aegean Sea, has arrived here to revictual. She departs forthwith for Hong Kong.—Reuter.

POLAR TRIP.

TO LEAVE SPITZBERGEN IN FEBRUARY.

Paris, Sept. 11.
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